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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

THE very kind reception accorded to the First Edition, alike by critics and by those for whose use it was designed, has encouraged the production of this Second Edition. My best thanks are due to friends and reviewers who pointed out several defects and slight mistakes ; these, I trust, they will find lacking in the present volume. As regards certain views and theories to which exception was taken, adequate reasons for their revisal have not been demonstrated, and they are retained. So great has been the progress of vaccine therapy during the past year that such enlargement has been necessitated as almost to justify the present volume being regarded as a new book. So conclusive has been the evidence adduced of the favourable influence of vaccine therapy, when employed by skilled hands in suitable cases, that no longer is the help of the immunizator being sought only when all other measures have failed ; he is now regarded as a useful adjuvant to such other therapeutic aids as clinical experience has proved appropriate ; and at no time has the future of vaccine therapy seemed so bright, and its place in practical surgery and medicine so assured, as it does at present. To my friend Mr. F. L. Armitage

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So prominent a place is this method of treatment now assuming in medical practice, and so scattered is the literature concerning it, that the time seemed ripe for an endeavour to collect such facts as might suffice to give a general idea of the subject. Theories and opinions have been kept within as small bounds as possible, and prominence given to the results achieved in actual practice. No pretence is made of completeness, but it is hoped that the great and ever-increasing utility of opsonic work may have been adequately demonstrated. My best thanks are due to Dr. J. W. Eyre for corrections and suggestions, and for the loan of Charts XI. and XII., and to other friends for revision of certain sections.

Beginners may find it advantageous to defer the reading of Chapter I. until the end.

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