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THE rapid exhaustion of the first edition of this little work appears to justify me in offering without delay a second edition to the notice of the profession. I have therefore subjected my pages to a careful revision and added a few paragraphs, and I now venture to hope that my work, thus amended, may be received as favourably as its predecessor.

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE following pages contain the results at which I have arrived after a somewhat extensive clinical experience of the gouty dyscrasia in its various forms. While far from denying the influence of heredity and other causes, I am fully convinced that functional disorder of the liver underlies the majority of gouty manifestations, and that the kidneys are only secondarily implicated. If this view be correct, it would seem to follow that the object of treatment should be not merely the neutralisation of the *materies morbi* by means of alkalis, but, in an especial manner, the restoration of the hepatic functions. How this is to be effected, I have described at some length in the chapter on treatment. All statements quoted from other writers have been carefully criticised, and I have endeavoured to make my book in every way a record of my own observation and experience.

9, REGENCY SQUARE, BRIGHTON,

May, 1885.

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