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PREFACE.

It is now sixteen years since I commenced my career in London as a specialist. I then confined my attention to the treatment of malignant disease; but this vast subject gradually led me into a more extended field of usefulness, bringing under my notice other diseases of equal importance, so that I have been compelled to devote a large portion of my attention and time to their study and treatment; until now they occupied (more especially those diseases peculiar to women) the greater portion of my time. More than twenty-six years ago, during my early professional life, I determined to investigate thoroughly malignant disease, and not to suffer my judgment to be biassed, either by the judgment of others, or by preconceived opinions of my own; and I directed my attention to the structure of the parts implicated, and to the character of the disease under observation. Pursuing strictly this course of investigation, I have been enabled to introduce many innovations, when compared with the old methods of treating these diseases; modifying or substituting

simpler, and more efficacious operations, instead of those in general use, and by administering only those medicines (many of them previously unknown) which have a direct action on the parts affected. When speaking of the more simple and effectual means of treating disease, I allude more especially to the treatment I have introduced in uterine disease, in vascular tumours, and in diseases of the rectum. In the first, from the number of cases brought under my notice, I early learnt the culpable folly of attempting to burn out or destroy ulceration in the neck of the womb by caustics. In the second I have been able, by injection, to transform a congeries or mass of bleeding vessels into a solid substance, easily acted upon by enucleation, and therefore easily removed; and in the third, by injecting internal or bleeding piles, I have found them rapidly slough away, effecting a permanent cure, instead of the uncertain and painful processes usually adopted by ligature or nitric acid. Further, in that painful disorder "fissure of the anus," I have found a certain, speedy, and effectual remedy, by paralyzing the sphincter-ani muscle. These modes of treatment, if known (I have not met with them even hinted at in modern works), are at least not adopted in practice. The reader will find in these pages that I advocate the administration of the medicines in the homœopathic form. For seventeen years I practised allopathy, and it was not until ten years

ago that I was convinced of the truths promulgated by Hahnemann. During these ten years, I have been engaged in an extensive practice, and, from what I have seen, I only regret that I did not understand what homœopathy was in my earlier professional career. My experience tells me that in treating cases allopathically, that many patients do not die from their disease, but that they succumb from the prostrating effects produced by the remedies, administered according to the dicta of the older school.

In the following work, I have endeavoured to detail my practice as practically and plainly as possible, and I hope that many may be led to adopt my views, and that the same success that has attended my efforts to alleviate suffering may attend theirs.

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