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A Teacher and a Friend,  
This little volume is dedicated by  
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## PREFACE.

There is not, so far as the compiler is aware of, any collection of medical poems in the English language, yet been published.

While the older poets have at various times dedicated a few sonnets to Asculapius, they are mostly what would be called to-day back numbers.

In making the selection for the present volume the compiler has purposely left out all such, with the single exception of "Lines to a Skull," which is a masterpiece of English literature, and in his opinion finds a place here as the gem of the collection.

The balance are, as the title indicates, both grave and gay.

As the busy practitioner has no hour of leisure, I offer the present collection to him as a solace for that time between the call of the last patient and the next ring of his door bell.

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