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TO THE BUILDERS OF THE SCIENCES OF CHEMISTRY AND MEDICINE WHOSE LABORS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE REALIZATION OF THE DREAM OF PARACELSUS OF A SCIENCE FOUNDED NOT UPON DOGMA BUT UPON OBSERVATION AND EXPERIMENT, THIS STUDY IS DEDICATED.



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### PREFACE.

THE following attempt at a characterization of Paracelsus and of his place in the history of science owes its inception to difficulties met in connection with the preparation of a course upon the early history of chemistry. Important discrepancies as to facts and violently differing judgments as to his influence and value, especially in English sources, seemed to make desirable a new attempt at interpretation. Material for this exists in the studies published during the past few decades by a number of scholars, whose labors have resulted in seriously modifying century-old judgments by the discovery of new evidence and by tracing down and correcting earlier errors.

Especially may be noted among the more recent Paracelsus students, Karl Aberle, John Ferguson, Karl Sudhoff, Franz Strunz, Raymund Netzhammer, R. J. Hartmann, H. Kopp, Heinrich Häser, Max Neuburger, Julius Pagel, Friedrich Mook and Anna M. Stoddart, though many others have contributed.

Studies for this book were begun more than a decade ago, and the manuscript was completed before the outbreak of the Great War. Publication was then postponed, and has been further delayed by the illness and death of Dr. Paul Carus, editor of *The Open Court* and *The Monist*, to whose interest and cordial cooperation in the planning of the publication the author is deeply indebted.

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