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# PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

In preparing a second edition of this book I have endeavoured to increase its usefulness by adding some matters previously unnoticed, and by giving more in detail some important points in diagnosis.

My best thanks are due to Mr. Samuel Jackson, of Oldham, for volunteering several useful suggestions, and for kindly undertaking the preparation of the Index.

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### PREFACE.

HAVING been a clinical teacher for some years, I have constantly been struck with the difficulty which even a well-read student finds in bringing his knowledge to bear promptly and efficiently upon the patient before him. The recognition, of the several symptoms which the student has learnt in lectures or by reading can be best directed by the teacher at the bedside; but in his absence it is not always easy for the student to get a clue to the nature of the case before him. An attempt is made in the following pages to afford this assistance by grouping surgical affections anatomically, and by arranging the symptoms of each in the order in which they would strike a painstaking observer. No attempt is made to discuss the pathology or treatment of any of the disorders described, and the description itself

## Preface.

is purposely limited to the most salient points. At the same time, I have endeavoured to point out the differential diagnosis of affections likely to be confounded, and have in many cases employed the tabular method for convenience of reference.

I have to thank my colleague, Mr. Arthur Barker, for kindly reading my manuscript and making many valuable suggestions for its improvement, but I am alone responsible for all the statements contained in the work. I hope it may prove of service to those beginners in the study of surgery for whom alone it is intended, and from whom I shall gladly receive any suggestions for its future improvement.

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