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P R E F A C E.

I THINK it right to say that these Lectures were never committed to writing by me. They were delivered in a colloquial style, after the arrangement of the subject had been well considered, and were reported verbatim by one of our best shorthand writers. The copy furnished by him was corrected, some of those tautologies which seem to be necessary in teaching removed, and then sent to the *Lancet*. But each Lecture still required more space than was available in the columns of a weekly journal, and I further reduced it, perhaps one-fourth. I now present, in one small volume, at the suggestion of, I may truly say, numerous correspondents, known and unknown to me, the corrected copy in full, unchanged in form, and therefore unshorn of the familiarities which the conversational style peculiar—and, I believe, appropriate—to the class-room demands. And I do this, also, because I prefer that these Lectures, originally short, should not suffer any abbreviation, and because I desire to offer, not merely to the members of my own clinical class, but to students at large, some of the fruit of a long and careful study in that field of practical medicine, in its widest sense, to which they relate.

35, Wimpole Street, London,
Nov., 1888.

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

I HAVE continued to give this course of Lectures every year, making such modifications and additions as our increasing experience has demanded. The present edition contains the course delivered by me at University College Hospital in the session of 1872-3, and comprises therefore all the most recent alterations, as well as two Lectures not in the previous editions, making fourteen in all, instead of twelve as before. My aim has been to produce in the smallest possible compass an epitome of practical knowledge concerning the nature and treatment of the diseases which form the subject of the work; and I venture to believe that my intention has been more fully realized in this volume than in either of its predecessors.

85, Wimpole Street, London,
January, 1873.

DISEASES
OF
THE URINARY ORGANS.

LECTURE I.

INTRODUCTORY : DIAGNOSIS.

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GENTLEMEN,—I propose to give a course of lectures on the Surgical Diseases of the Urinary Organs, and my object will be to afford you that information which will be most useful at the bedside. I shall not consider their anatomy or physiology, since that would make the course much too long. In the systematic lectures of the College it is impossible to communicate all those practical manœuvres, those little things which one arrives at by experience, either in the way of diagnosis or treatment, which are so valuable in practice hereafter; neither is it possible that you should all acquire them at the bedside, since no hospital can furnish patients sufficient for the purpose; but you can learn a great deal by the conversational communications which are made here. It will be my aim to render available the result of experience which it has cost me years to acquire, and I shall do my best to furnish to you what of it is thus communicable in as many hours.

I have selected this course of clinical lectures on the