

Preface to 4th Edition

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Many and important changes have been made in this edition. The article on Typhoid Fever has been in great part rewritten, and there is embodied in it the additional experience of my clinic. The subject of malaria has had to be recast, and the important new matter on etiology and prophylaxis has been added. Dysentery, Yellow Fever, and the Plague have attracted the attention of so many workers that it is difficult to keep pace with the rapid progress of our knowledge. I have tried to bring these articles up to date, and in rewriting them have kept in mind the needs of physicians practicing in the tropics. On the all-important disease, Pneumonia, the student will find many new paragraphs. I have incorporated in the article on Diphtheria the model work which has been done by McCollom and by Councilman and his colleagues at the Boston City Hospital. On Small-pox, Cerebro-spinal Fever, Rheumatic Fever, and many others of the acute infections, new points are added on diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Futcher, my first assistant, has analyzed for this edition the experience of my clinic for the past twelve years on Diabetes and Gout, in which sections much new matter has been incorporated. The sections on Obesity and Arthritis Deformans have been changed.

Practically new articles, in whole or in part, are those on Acute Tuberculosis, Diseases of the Pancreas, Splenic Anæmia, Arsenical Poisoning, Herpes Zoster, Adiposis Dolorosa, Fibrinous Bronchitis, Albumosuria, Oxaluria, Menière's Disease, Aphasia, Combined Sclerosis of the Cord, Myasthenia Gravis, Congenital Aneurism, Surgical Treatment of Aneurism and Scurvy.

Dr. McCrae has analyzed for this edition the material of the clinic on Pernicious Anæmia and Leukaemia.

Minor changes, too numerous to mention, have been incorporated, and my aim has been to deserve - and, if possible, to repay in some slight measure - the confidence which the profession has shown in the previous editions of the work.

I have again to thank many friends for valuable help - my colleague, Dr. W. H. Welch, whom I have consulted on many questions; Dr. H. M. Thomas, for a revision of the article on Aphasia, and for many additions in the section on the Nervous System; my associates and assistants, Drs. Thayer, Futcher, McCrae, T. R. Brown, L. P. Hamburger, and Rufus Cole, for much important aid; Dr. Simon Flexner, now of the University of Pennsylvania, for information upon the forms of Dysentery; Drs. W. G. MacCallum and E. L. Opie, for notes from the Pathological Department.

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In passing through the press the work has again had the advantage of the supervision of Dr F. R. Smith. To my secretary, Miss B.O. Humpton, I am indebted for constant help in the preparation of the edition and for the revision of the index.

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*The Examiner writes over this volume -
his note on it is as follows -*

This very clever examination paper on my Text-Book was written by Dr Scott, afterwards demonstrator of histology in the University of Oxford, and appeared in the St. Thomas Hospital Gazette, 1902. Additions were made to the original by one or two of my assistants at Baltimore. About a month after the examination appeared a complete set of answers which was sent to me by my friend J. William White, the well-known Philadelphia surgeon.