

Preface to 2nd Edition
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I have to thank many friends for corrections and suggestions, and the profession at large for their kind reception of the first edition.

I am under special obligations to Dr. H. M. Thomas and to Dr. W. S. Thayer for much valuable assistance; to Professor Welch and to Dr Flexner for counsel on questions of pathology and bacteriology; and to Miss B. O. Humpton for help in the preparation of the index.

Several sections have been rewritten, all carefully corrected, and here and there many fresh details have been added. The important additions are as follows:

In Section I the article on Typhoid Fever has been thoroughly revised to date, and that on Malarial Fever in large part rewritten. The subject of Diphtheria has been completely recast, and extended from eleven to twenty pages. The article on Septicæmia and Pyæmia has been rearranged and large rewritten. Short descriptions of the Bubonic Plague and of the Foot and Mouth Disease have been added. New matter will also be found in connection with Cholera, Syphilis, Tuberculosis, and others of the infectious diseases. In this section, in describing the stage of incubation, the report of the Clinical Society of London has been adopted.

In Section II the articles on Gout and Diabetes have been extended. A description of Infantile Scurvy and of the Hæmorrhagic Diseases of the New-born has been added.

In Section III there has been added an account of Eczema of the Tongue and of Leukoplakia, and under Chronic Tonsillitis will be found additional details regarding the injurious effects of mouth-breathing. The Methods of Clinical Examination of the Stomach have been omitted, since they more correctly belong to, and are more fully given in, manuals of diagnosis. The subject of Appendicitis has been completely rewritten and much extended. A new section has been added on Affections of the Mesentery, and under Diseases of the Liver a description of the dislocations and deformities of the organ. Under Localized Peritonitis a new section will be found on the Sub-phrenic Variety.

In Sections IV and V many minor additions and corrections have been made. In writing on Angina Pectoris, it was a pleasure to be able to give the credit of the "intermittent claudication" theory to that distinguished old Glasgow professor, Allan Burns.

In Section VI the subjects of Anæmia and Leukæmia have been revised and rearranged. In the articles on Addison's Disease and on Exophthalmic Goitre and Myxœdema will be found references to the new investigations.

In Section VII a brief account of Anuria has been added, and a number of minor corrections and additions have been made.

In Diseases of the Nervous System a new introductory section has been written, with new diagrams, which will prove helpful to the student. Most of the important points which have arisen during the past three years have been incorporated.

In Section IX the article on Muscular Atrophies has been rearranged.

In Section X the important studies of Gosio and of Sanger upon Arsenical Poisoning have been referred to.

In the Section on Parasites the subject of Psorospermiasis has been recast, a short account of the Parasitic Infusoria has been added, and a number of minor corrections have been made. I am under special indebtedness to Dr Stiles, the leading authority on parasites in this country, for a careful revision of the nomenclature in accordance with the rules of the International Committee, and for valuable advice relating to the subject. I could not, however, yield to the change of name from Trichina to Trichinella.

And, lastly, I have added, when possible, the description of certain special symptoms, - as Cheyne-Stokes breathing, Trousseau's phenomenon, and Oliver's tracheal tugging - in the words of the authors.

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