

Preface to the 6<sup>th</sup> Ed.

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So many sections have been rewritten, and so many alterations made, that in many respects this is a new book. The publishers have furnished a larger page and new type, so that with a considerable increase in the amount of reading matter there has been no enlargement of the volume. I have tried to make the work a reflex of current knowledge in the symptomatology and treatment of disease, based upon the literature and upon our experience at the Medical Clinic of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. During the sixteen years of its existence I have been singularly fortunate in my associates and assistants whose good work has been incorporated in the various editions. It would be useless to attempt to express my indebtedness to them - to H. M. Thomas, Henri Lafleur, W. S. Thayer, John Hewetson, Meredith Reese, Charles E. Simon, T. B. Futcher, Frank R. Smith, T. McCrae, C. P. Emerson, C. N. B. Camac, J. Mason Knox, Rufus I. Cole, T. R. Brown, Louis P. Hamburger, Campbell P. Howard, T. R. Boggs, J. Erlanger, and others whose names will be found scattered through the volume. In this edition I am under special obligations to T. B. Futcher, T. McCrae, C. P. Emerson, and more particularly to H. M. Thomas, of the Neurological Department, and to Harvey Cushing of the Surgical Clinic, who have revised the section on the Nervous System.

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Note - The name of J. Mason Knox is not printed but added in W.O.'s handwriting.