

PREFACE

THE following pages are largely founded upon a series of papers and lectures, some of which have been published in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine* and various Medical Journals. They make no pretence to be a complete treatise on the subjects of which they treat, but are intended primarily to describe certain operations which I have employed for some time past and which I believe to have advantages over those commonly employed. Numerous excellent operations and other methods of treatment which are fully described in text-books and special works on these subjects are only briefly alluded to, or indeed may not be mentioned at all. This must not be taken to mean that their value is not recognised, or that they are not the most desirable methods of treating certain groups of cases.

Anatomical, pathological, and developmental facts and theories are considered only in so far as they have a practical bearing upon the operative treatment.

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