

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION

IN preparing this edition I have endeavoured to include such new facts or new interpretations of facts as are of importance to the student of pharmacology, or will assist him the better to understand the uses of remedies in the sick room. It is well recognised that the later editions of books dealing with a progressive science are apt to lose the spirit of the original edition from the necessity of making room in the text for new facts. In this edition I have endeavoured to avoid this by rewriting those parts in which material alteration was required; thus the chapter on Ergot has been entirely rewritten.

In localising the seat of action of drugs on an organ I am still content to speak of nerve-endings, using it in the old broad sense; receptors and myo-neural junctions are only words without precise meanings and cannot fail to present difficulties to the student without in any way assisting him.

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