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has served in part as basis for these Outlines, the works of Miller, Fownes, Williamson, Roscoe, and others have been freely used, while the chemical journals of Europe and America, including their latest numbers, have been consulted and the data which they afforded utilized.

For the benefit of any who may care to read the full original papers from which are taken the abridged excerpta of recent articles there are given references, within parentheses, to a list of authorities to be found in the author's work on Medical Chemistry.

Lest any regard the number of characteristic reactions of the more important compounds as insufficient, it should be stated, that it was not within the plan of the author to adapt this work to the requirements of an analytical manual. Not more than two or three analytical tests are therefore given as a rule, and even this number only in the case of the leading compounds. A similar explanation might be proffered to any who may miss the full technical details relative to certain compounds which are usually given in works on applied, or technological chemistry.

Throughout the work, the centigrade thermometer and the metric system of weights and measures are employed, unless otherwise specifically stated.

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