

perhaps equivalent advantages ; not the least being the fact that this conception of the student's wants has enabled me to follow more closely my own bent than would have been possible in a more systematic treatise. I am not without hope that in thus acting I may have accomplished at least one aim—viz., to supplement, not to supersede, the admirable text-books already existing on the diseases of children. My obligations to these already published works I cannot attempt to sum, unconscious memory plays so large a part in the thought of every one of us. But this much I can say, that it gives me no common pleasure to confess how much I owe to West, Rilliet and Barthez, Hillier, Eustace Smith, Hensch, Gerhardt, Steins, Meigs and Pepper—amongst others ; and last, but not least, to two of the most realistic writers of our own day, Dr. Samuel Gee and Dr. Thomas Barlow. I have also availed myself of the observations upon the incubation of the exanthemata, which have from time to time appeared in the *Lancet* during the last few years, from the pen of Dr. Clement Dukes, of Rugby. Dr. Dukes's work in this direction is some of the most valuable that exists.

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