

PREFACE

TO THE FOURTH EDITION

THE flattering reception accorded to the last edition of this manual, coupled with the enormous strides which have been made, since its publication, in our knowledge of the symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases of the nose and throat, have induced me to undertake this, the fourth edition.

The task has been more exacting than I anticipated, for it soon became evident to me that not only must the old chapters be rewritten and brought up to date, but new ones must be added. In the former category may be mentioned the intranasal treatment of suppuration in the frontal sinuses, the technique of enucleation of the tonsils, and the large subject of endoscopy of the lower air passages and of the œsophagus.

Among the new chapters are those which refer to certain affections of the trachea and of the œsophagus, intranasal dacryocystostomy for the relief of suppuration within the lacrymal sac, and a description of the intranasal routes which may be employed in operations for pituitary tumours.

In the preparation of this edition I have endeavoured to remember that the manual is intended to form one of a "Practical Series," and consequently symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment are more fully discussed than debatable matters relating to the ætiology and pathology of the various diseases of the nose and throat.

Again, I am quite sure that the full success of operative measures is often unattained because sufficient care and direction are not given to after-treatment, and therefore I have devoted more space to this aspect of the matter than in former editions.