

Preface



THIS MONOGRAPH represents the first attempt to deal systematically with Vicious Circles in Disease, and is offered to the Profession with a consciousness of many shortcomings.

Such an exploration into a new field of pathological enquiry needs no small circumspection. But every effort has been made to supply the reader with independent testimony in support of the propositions advanced.

The issue of a new Edition affords a welcome opportunity for revision. Six new Chapters have been added in the hope of covering the ground more adequately.

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