

PREFACE.

WITH none of our friends and helpers among the lower animals would we part so reluctantly as with the dog. No speechless associate of man has ever so entwined itself around the very roots of our domestic life as the dog; none has won so much admiration, confidence, and affection; none has appealed to so large a number of mankind of every condition, age, and sex. It will therefore be conceded that so noble, so intelligent, and so faithful an animal as the dog is entitled to the most complete understanding and the best usage of which we are capable.

The professional treatment of the dog in disease naturally falls to the veterinarian; but inasmuch as this animal is very different in his nature from the horse and other herbivora which engage the chief attention of the veterinary profession, it follows that if the dog is to be treated on a rational basis, he must be made a subject of special study by the veterinarian. A knowledge of equine medicine goes but a little way to qualify a man to treat the dog, and the sooner this is recognized by the profession of comparative (veterinary) medicine, the better will it be for both the profession and our canine friends. If the veterinarian hopes to largely acquire the confidence of the

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