

was steadily careful to exclude what seemed irrelevant or unnecessary for his purpose, ever endeavoring to simplify the subject under consideration by avoiding useless technicalities; while at the same time embodying such appropriate facts as had come under his personal observation, and advancing such theories as thought and study had suggested to his mind. The illustrations, as will be seen, are taken from Paget's Surgical Pathology.

The arrangement and division of subjects are original, and the hope is entertained that they will be found advantageous to the student. The work has been prepared more particularly for the student, but the opinion is hazarded that it will prove useful to the practitioner.

That in these pages there will be found many imperfections is very well known; but the profession is requested to remember that this is the first undertaking of the kind in our young country. The writer enjoyed not the advantages of early literary training. As his grandfathers and his father were pioneers in the wilderness of Canada, and paved the way for a more scientific agriculture, so the writer hopes this volume will be the forerunner of other and more excellent treatises, that will hereafter proceed from the profession of our province.

Not having personally superintended the work through the press, there may consequently be found a few blemishes which the printer and proof-reader could not feel at liberty to remove.

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