

## PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION

THE first edition of this work, though not by any means an abbreviation or epitome of the two volumes entitled *Principles of Pathology*, almost necessarily followed the same general lines of presentation. Both works, in short, reflect the arrangement which the subject had naturally assumed in the minds of the authors after years of study and considerable experience in teaching. Logically the resultant should afford the simplest and most natural presentation for other minds to grasp. The subject, however, is vast and complicated, and no book can do more than to aid the student in his earnest efforts. That this *Text-book* has measurably succeeded in its purpose is inferrible from the early exhaustion of the large first edition.

In any department of science the multitude of observable facts quickly overwhelms the mental capacity of the beginner. Hence it becomes the instructor's duty to classify and correlate them for the student's easier comprehension, and eventually to teach him to apply the same principles in his independent observations of the concrete. Ability to recognize individual pathological phenomena is of prime importance, but the power to grasp the meaning of the general laws according to which tissues act and react is paramount.

In this the second edition of our text-book the reader will find that continued emphasis is placed upon the reasons underlying pathological conditions; although we trust the facts themselves have not been neglected. Careful attention has been given, in the revision of each subject, that it should include all reliable advances that the past two years have brought forth. A new chapter on "The More Important Infections and Their Prominent Features," has been inserted. In this we have attempted to marshal under one head information that in the previous edition was widely scattered, together with the addition of necessary new material.

We have endeavored to simplify the classification of tumors, to substitute in some degree the term "hyperblastosis" for the less clear "blastomatoid," to indicate the scope of recent work dealing