

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

SINCE the first appearance of this book I have had the advantage of the friendly criticism and helpful advice of many friends. The errors of various descriptions which have thus been brought under my notice, as well as by reviewers in the Medical Journals, have been, as far as possible, corrected in this edition. May I point out to those who have done my book the honour to review it that it does not include in its scope the description of *diseases*, though in the course of a discussion on the occurrence, cause, and nature of symptoms, diseases must necessarily be often mentioned, and even occasionally very briefly described.

The articles by my colleagues have been revised. Thus Dr. Houston gives an account of the Wassermann reaction; Dr. Rankin has amplified his description of radiography of the abdomen; and Dr. MacIlwaine has introduced the antiformin method of examination for the tubercle bacillus.

A description of a number of diagnostic signs, omitted in the first edition, is now given—*e.g.*, Grocco's, Ewart's, Biernacki's, Joffroy's, Quinquaud's, Rotch's, Weber's, etc. Several diagnostic tests or reactions are added—*e.g.*, Salomon's, Cammidge's, Boas's, von Pirquet's, etc. The index has been revised and some omissions made good.

I have again to thank those gentlemen named in the preface of the first edition, and also Dr. John Hay, for permission to use their illustrations.

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