

student. They furnish him with the results of the patient investigations and elaborate researches of the master minds of the profession, but unfortunate truly are those who rely solely upon their acquaintance with these; and in this age of progress and invention, when the microscope with its astounding revelations and the varied other mechanical and chemical appliances are being extensively employed by the devotees of learning in their enquiries after truth—in this age of bookmaking, when cultivators of science record with the utmost exactness the veriest minutiae of discovery—the necessity, greater than ever, is felt of having those who are themselves familiar with the great truths of science, and well versed in its details, to generalize and simplify, and to guide the student to the best advantage through the labyrinths of knowledge. We have to congratulate ourselves upon having secured for our instructors those who, whilst appreciating the value of sound theory, have ever dwelt forcibly upon the advantages of practical knowledge, and have encouraged and fostered in us those powers of observation and reflection, by the well directed exercise of which scholars in medical science have elevated her to the position she now occupies. The minute structure and wondrous organization of the human system, in its aggregate of muscle, nerve, vessel, and other tissue, displaying in a manner that awakens equally our astonishment and our admiration, evidences of design and of the adaptation of means to end, and requiring the assistance of the microscope to unfold all the beauty and symmetry that characterize its constituent elements; an accurate and comprehensive description of the varied resources at the disposal of the medico for the relief of distress and alleviation of human suffering; the properties and functions, in their natural and abnormal conditions, of the individual elements of the composite being, with the elucidations of the physiologist and pathologist; disease in its protean forms, its nature, causes, effects, and the appliance of remedial agents in arresting its progress and staying its ravages;—these and other kindred subjects, forming the most interesting and ennobling theme upon which the mind can