

PREFACE

APART from Colonel Nunn's work, there is no special text-book of veterinary toxicology in English. The suggestion of the need of some such comprehensive work has reached me from several quarters, and many offers of help have encouraged me to compile the present volume. I have endeavoured to base the accounts of each poison on records published in the veterinary literature or encountered in my own practice. Failing them, I have had recourse to the standard textbooks and the experience of veterinary friends.

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