

additions made to our knowledge of the subjects they embrace, and at the same time be sufficiently comprehensive to serve as a compendium of reference.

The editor has sought to attain this object by enlisting the co-operation of distinguished specialists, each of whom has been selected for his special fitness to write on the subject assigned, and which has been, as far as practicable, the subject of his choice. Especial effort was made, by clearly defining the ground each article was to cover, to avoid overlapping of subjects and useless repetition, and at the same time secure an organic unison of the completed work, thus making it, as nearly as possible, as coherent and connected as if written by one individual.

The articles are all of the most practical character, and appeal directly to the needs of the GENERAL PRACTITIONER, to whom they will be found to be of the greatest value; as they are epitomes of all that is known on the respective subjects up to the date of the issue of the work.

In each volume will be found material not ordinarily included in any text-book on the subjects which form the basis of the System; as, for instance, in Volume I, such chapters as those on Functional Disorders of Micturition and their Relation to Various Morbid States, the Diagnostic Significance of Pathological Modifications of the Urine, Urine Analysis, Uro-genital Tuberculosis; and in addition, the complete and elaborate monographs on Endoscopy and Cystoscopy.

A glance at the contents of Volumes II and III, which are herewith appended, will show a like departure from the plan of the ordinary text-book; and the list of contributors to these volumes is all that is needed to convince the reader that the same care has been exercised in their selection as is apparent in Volume I.

The grouping of Genito-urinary Diseases, Syphilis, and Dermatology as proper subjects of associated study had its origin in this country, and it seems eminently fitting that the fruitful results of this idea should be presented by American writers.