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A HAND-BOOK
OF
OCULAR THERAPEUTICS

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TO
THE MEMORY OF MY FATHER
HAROLD GIFFORD
TO WHOSE KNOWLEDGE, JUDGMENT AND PAINSTAKING CARE
OF HIS PATIENTS
ANYTHING OF VALUE IN THIS BOOK IS DUE

PREFACE.

MY excuse for attempting a work of this kind is the absence in English of a recent concise book on therapeutics. In the larger works on this subject a profusion of information is to be found from which it is sometimes difficult to select the essentially valuable procedures from the purely traditional ones. Also a number of valuable modern procedures have come into use since any of these works were written.

Here no attempt will be made to trace the history of therapeutics and it is proposed to consider only such procedures as have proven themselves effective in my hands or in those of ophthalmologists whose opinion is considered of undoubted value. Chapter bibliographies will not attempt to cover the literature, but only to make available a few works which should be consulted for more detail than can be included here.

It has been impossible to avoid entirely a discussion of pathogenesis and diagnosis, but an attempt has been made to bring these in only where they definitely relate to treatment. Surgery will be discussed only in so far as concerns the indications for operation, except for certain minor procedures which may be considered as a part of office treatment. It is a pleasure to acknowledge with thanks the help of Miss Dorothea Mazanec-Engelhardswall, Miss Madge Walsh and Miss Mary Dixon, in preparing the illustrations, and of my wife, Alice Gifford, with the proofs and index.

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