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To
G. A. MacCallum, M.D.
My Father
And My Best Friend

PREFACE TO THE SEVENTH EDITION

The advances in medicine and related sciences have again been very great since the last revision of this book, four years ago, but still it reminds one of Goethe's statement that "it is only when we know very little about a subject that we are quite sure; and with knowledge doubt arises and grows." We must not be dogmatic, for it seems that before us paths lead into a dark forest of mystery, and it is only when we shall have followed them into outer light that we can feel that we have cleared away our doubts.

Still our efforts are in the same general direction. We know of the diseases that affect human beings, animals and plants, and it is of prime importance to search for the causes. It is on the basis of the causes, as far as we can determine them, that it is here attempted to follow their effects in disturbing the natural functions of the body, the gross and microscopical changes they produce in the tissues and their organ combinations, and the physical and chemical changes that interrupt life. In this sense Pathology must serve as an accompaniment, or even as a foundation, for the comprehension of all the clinical phenomena, and it is hoped that they may always be considered together.

Naturally other things must be studied, and especially the growth and organization of the body and its extraordinary powers of repair after an injury; but there is also its wonderful mechanism of defence, which improves with training and may fortify the body against another attack from the same injurious agent. Most important for the student is the detailed study from every viewpoint of the cases at autopsy—and this

we must emphasize.

The illustrations are almost entirely from material which we have studied in the laboratory. The drawings with very few exceptions have been made by Mr. Alfred Feinberg. Photographs were made by Milton Kougl and microscopical preparations by Miss Lyons, while Mrs. Kindell has given great assistance in preparing the text.

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DISTURBANCES OF THE FLUIDS OF THE BODY

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Relation of Fluids to Tissues.—The cells of the tissues are, like other living beings, dependent for their life and activity upon a constant and abundant supply of food and oxygen and an equally adequate removal of their waste products. This service is rendered them by the circulation of the various fluids through every part, propelled by a mechanical arrangement, the perfection of which we shall have frequent occasion to admire. There are three main types into which we may divide these circulating fluids, the blood, the tissue fluids, and the lymph.

The blood is practically everywhere separated from actual contact with the cells of the tissues by a semi-permeable membrane composed of other cells, the endothelium. It flows through the whole body, giving off certain substances and withdrawing others, always through this membrane. Between the cells outside the blood-vessels there are spaces, or at least potential spaces, in which a small amount of fluid collects which directly bathes the cells and directly receives their waste. This tissue fluid is constantly being changed too, by interaction with the blood. But it also stands in exactly the same relation to the lymph, which, like the blood, flows inside channels with semi-permeable walls composed of endothelial cells and goes to empty into the vein. We do not believe now that there are open communication between the lymphatic channels and the tissue crevices. That idea, it seems, has been thoroughly disproved by the recent work which shows the completeness of the endothelial lining of these channels.*

Of course, a moment's thought will make it clear that everything, whether necessary to life or a waste product to be excreted, must take a rather roundabout course in the blood. All that is absorbed from the digestive tract by veins or lymphatics must go a long way to reach the arteries and be distributed to the tissues and the waste from every tissue must travel in veins or lymphatics to reach the arteries so as to be carried to the organs of excretion. The actual interchange must be continuous but only partial as the blood hurries by, whether in bringing nutriment or removing waste and everywhere the two processes go on simultaneously. Materials pass from the arterial side of the capillaries into the tissue spaces in immediate contact with the cells which absorb

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^{*} MacCallum: Archiv f. Anat. u. Physiol., Anat. Abth., 1902, 273. Bull. Johns Hopkins Hosp., 1903, xiv, 1, 195.