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PREFACE

At the end of the Second World War it was apparent that a new European text book on pædiatrics was needed and two of us (*G. Fanconi* and *A. Wallgren*) decided to compile such a work based mainly on the pædiatric centres of Switzerland and Sweden, but also containing for the sake of completeness contributions from well-known pædiatricians in many other of the smaller countries of Europe, including a contribution on Tropical Conditions in Childhood from Turkey. This work was completed and published in Switzerland under the title *LEHRBUCH DER PÄDIATRIE*. To indicate its international character it was decided to publish the work in both English and German.

In the English edition the opportunity has therefore been taken to do considerable revision of the German text bringing up to date the section on antibiotics, and including fresh material in many chapters. An entirely new section on Megacolon by *Dr. M. Bodian* has also been added.

As far as possible each author has been given complete freedom to express his own ideas or those of his particular country, even if these at times clash with those held by others. In the English edition we have retained the metric system, though here and there we have mentioned standard drugs or preparations used in the English-speaking world as well as those recommended by the individual author when the latter has merely mentioned proprietary mixtures from his own country.

Some University teachers like to see in a textbook only material which has stood the test of time, and about which there can be no controversy. In this pædiatric work we have not adhered too closely to this principle, believing that the English-speaking world would appreciate the opportunity of reading the views of certain well-known European pædiatricians, not only on pathological disease syndromes but also on their attitude to the whole problem of the psychological approach to the child based upon the European conceptions of psychology and public hygiene.

Generally speaking the classical method of describing diseases in relation to the different organs and systems has been followed, though occasionally it has been boldly abandoned when it was necessary to describe the newer methods of investigation which have become of paramount importance of recent years, e.g., those for investigating the lesions of congenital heart disease, digestive function and metabolism.

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It should be noted that this edition is being published about a year after the first German edition. This delay, caused by translation, has enabled us to do considerable revision. The English edition therefore now approximates to the second German edition.

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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE

It is perhaps a common experience of most people who in later years have acquired a second language that no matter how long they have been divorced from their mother-tongue it continues to have a life of its own in the subconscious mind, much like a "Poltergeist" waiting there for every opportunity to pounce upon the rival and to twist him into strange shapes. This interference becomes particularly strong when one makes a conscious effort to write well in the second language. I therefore beg the reader's indulgence for any seeming obscurity in the English version of this work.

The diversity of style that reflects on the multiple authorship of the German text has been much reduced in the process of translating and the resulting gain in uniformity, we hope, may be a positive attribute. Pedantic accuracy in translating has been sacrificed deliberately ; and, in places where the text was too condensed, slight alterations have been introduced to render the meaning more clear in English without losing any of the technical detail. Explanatory notes have been added where descriptive terms, reactions or diseases have been described by names that are not normally encountered in British Medicine.

Certain difficulties, however, could not be overcome. "Toxicosis" for instance could not be translated, as there is no single English medical term for the group of conditions described under this heading by the German authors. Then there was the difficulty of entirely new medical terms, coined mainly by Fanconi, e.g., "*Isosthenurie*" and "*normergisch*." Where such a term seemed self-explanatory and descriptive, as in the case of "isosthenuria," it was taken into the English text ; but where no material advantage seemed to be gained, as in the case of "normergic," a simpler English word was substituted. Untranslatable expressions like Glanzmann's "*pluriorificielles Schmollen*" unavoidably lost some colour and meaning in being rendered freely in English.

As a rule our aim has been to give both the Continental and British synonyms for diseases, as the former is often the name by which the disease is known in the United States of America, for example in the case of "roseola infantum" and "exanthem subitum."

Swiss and other Continental proprietary preparations of drugs have been largely omitted from the English text.

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