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## PREFACE TO THE FOURTEENTH EDITION

WITH the publication of the last edition, Sir John Conybeare relinquished his senior editorship of this book. Nevertheless, the present editor has had the advantage, for which he is very grateful, of Sir John's continued encouragement and help in the preparation of this fourteenth edition. It is considerably more than twice as big as the first edition he brought out in 1928, and it is published at little more than twice the price—perhaps a unique example in modern monetary values and a tribute to the continued popularity of the book under Sir John's long editorship.

Dr Maurice Campbell wrote the section on Diseases of the Cardiovascular System in previous editions ; and many, not least the editors, were grateful to him for his writing and his contributions to cardiology over so long a period. Dr Charles Baker now writes this chapter in his stead and we welcome him, together with our other new contributor, Professor D. A. K. Black, who writes on disorders of body fluid.

The whole text has been revised, particularly details of treatment, and only the more important changes and additions can be noticed here. The introductory pages on Infection have been re-written and the articles on virus diseases and immunization have been extended and revised. The articles on erythema nodosum, brucellosis and leptospirosis have been re-written also. In the chapters on Tropical and Helminthic Diseases, diagrams illustrating the mosquito and the malarial parasite have been added, and attention has been paid to the many new drugs now available for the treatment of exotic diseases. The chapter on Diseases of Infants and Children includes new articles on mongolism and phenylketonuria. The chapter on Diseases of the Blood has been largely re-written ; the sections on the anæmias and the hæmorrhagic diseases are new. In the chapter on Poisonings and Intoxications, new articles include those on agricultural poisons, food-poisoning, drug addiction, snake-bite and drowning. Professor Black's article introduces the chapter on Diseases of Metabolism, which also includes revised accounts of gout and amyloid disease. The chapters on the Alimentary System and the Liver are considerably changed and articles added on some of the less common conditions, including the blind-loop syndrome, Whipple's Disease, the Zollinger-Ellison syndrome and lupoid hepatitis. The chapter on Respiratory Diseases has been revised and that on the Kidney contains new articles on hydronephrosis and the kidney in pregnancy. An account of auto-immune disease introduces the chapter on Affections of Connective Tissue which contains new material on rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus and diseases of bone. Among nervous diseases, new articles appear on encephalitis, developmental anomalies of the

spinal cord, and cluster headaches. The chapter on Diseases of the Skin is much changed and contains a new article on pruritus. Lastly, care has been taken to keep Appendix II, dealing with the sulphonamides and antibiotics, up-to-date to the last moment before going to press : nevertheless, it may be expected that new drugs will become available in the short space of time before the book is in the hands of the reader.

The Editor is indebted to reviewers, both for their continued encouragement and for their criticism and comment. Note has been taken of their observations in preparing this edition.

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