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Preface

The decision to bring out a new edition of *Diseases of Metabolism* after an interval of only four years may seem to require some justification. Readers familiar with the rate of progress in the field will not, however, be surprised to learn that most of the authors were satisfied that their contributions required quite extensive revision. In addition, experience with the previous edition of this work had shown ways in which the organization of the material could be improved. As a result, we feel that we can provide a better organized and more useful book than before. The degree to which we have been successful will be determined by the reader.

The largest burden of this revision has fallen on our authors, to whom we are most grateful. Science moves so rapidly that even a thoroughly up-to-date presentation may be somewhat outmoded by the time it has passed through the processes of publication. To minimize the importance of the necessary delay following submission of the chapters, each author has been offered an opportunity to write an addendum to his chapter, to make it as current as possible. These addenda appear at the ends of the chapters for which they were written.

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