

## PREFACE TO THE REVISED EDITION.

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IN offering a revised edition of this book to the profession it has been our aim to render it as nearly complete as is consistent with a clear enunciation of the practical working of gynecology. Much new material has been added, and some of the old eliminated or modified. This has been necessitated by the very rapid improvements in methods and details during the past four years. A large number—more than forty—of the old illustrations have been replaced by new ones, all of which add very materially to the elucidation of the text; they picture methods, not specimens. The descriptions of the preparation for each operation and the after-management of patients have been relegated to the chapters on Technique and After-treatment. This has of course entailed a very considerable enlargement of these chapters, but has relieved the body of the book from continued repetition. It has been found necessary to rearrange much of the material. The chapter on the Bladder, Urethra, and Ureters is extensively altered. The portions devoted to plastic work have been so generally improved as to be practically new. Hysterectomy, both abdominal and vaginal, has been re-written and more freely illustrated. All descriptions of operative procedures have been carefully revised and fully illustrated. The editor feels grateful to the profession for the considerate reception of the first edition, and hopes for an equally favorable one for the second. He has profited by kindly criticisms, and in the revision, making allowances for honest differences of opinion, has followed suggestions as far as he has felt them compatible with clear teaching.

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