PREFACE

TO THE FIFTH EDITION.

WHEN a book reaches a fifth edition it scarcely requires a preface, yet I cannot present my work on the Materia Medica once more to the profession, without again expressing my gratitude for the favour which it has met with. By a careful revision, and the addition of all new matter which I deemed worthy of being recorded, I have endeavoured to make it of still further use to the practitioner and to the student. My position as Editor of the *Dublin Quarterly Journal of Medical Science* has, as was the case with the fourth edition, been of much aid to me in bringing the work down to the time of publication, as regards the added matter; and increased experience has emboldened me to select, from the many additions daily made to the list of new medicines, such only as are likely to prove of permanent value.

I must express my obligations to my friend Dr. Humphrey Minchin, for his revision of the Index, and its adaptation to the present edition.

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