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PREFACE.

The necessity for a practical guide for the application of electricity to gynaecology, according to the modern and most approved methods of Apostoli and his followers, was so forcibly urged upon me by many who have read my various contributions to the journals that I was persusded to undertake the task, the outcome of which is the present work. The numerous claims upon my time by an active practice, as well as my editorial duties, have rendered the task particularly laborious, and I trust my critics will make due allowance for shortcomings, the existence of which I fully realize.

It has been my aim to simplify the electro-physics so that it can be understood by anyone, no matter how limited his previous knowledge of the subject may be, at the risk of its being considered elementary, knowing that this is one of the stumbling-blocks in the path of the physician or student who desires to acquire the information necessary to intelligently utilize this agent. This chapter has, therefore, been made short, containing only just what is actually necessary, and leaving the special physics of the different currents to be considered in the separate chapters devoted to each. By this arrangement, it is believed much confusion has been avoided, and a clearer appreciation of the different qualities of the several electrical currents will be facilitated. No attempt has been made to make this part of the work scientific, but rather to make it practical for beginners.

The chapter on apparatus contains a description of only such instruments as I have had a personal acquaintance with, either directly or indirectly, which explains why those of my own design predominate. There has been no intentional exclusion of others which may possess equal advantages. The same may be said of the battery apparatus mentioned. I have stremuously avoided mention of any that have not been personally tested and found to be satisfactory, believing that in so