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PREFACE

I SHOULD fail in my duty if I did not express my indebtedness for much of the knowledge I have gained respecting Harvey's career and achievements, as well as of his character, to Doctor Robert Willis' "Works of Harvey," and to Doctor Munk, our esteemed and learned Harveian Librarian, for his accounts of Harvey as published in the "Roll of the Royal College of Physicians," and the "Gold-Headed Cane." I am also under much obligation to the latter for information respecting the several benefactors whom I have selected for commemoration. The lucid and interesting "Life of Harvey" in Mr. Fisher Unwin's series of the "Masters of Medicine," written by my colleague, Mr. d'Arcy Power, has also been of much service to me. I would add that I have deemed it a great privilege to be called to study the character and life work of Harvey, for to do this constitutes little less than a liberal education.