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THIS ESSAY IS INSCRIBED
BY HIS ATTACHED FRIEND,
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PREFACE.

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My design in writing the following Essay has been to present a picture which might be useful both to contemporaries and to those who come after us, of what the Medical Profession in Great Britain and Ireland has been doing and thinking about at the close of the nineteenth century. I was precluded by the terms of competition from making quotations or extracts from any published work or paper, which readers, perhaps, will not consider a disadvantage. As the Essay had to be sent in by June 30th, 1900, it deals only with certain subjects, such as the Surgery of the War in South Africa and the Midwives' Bill, down to that date.

Some of the suggestions made with reference to the British Medical Association, such as the inclusion of unattached members, are now being discussed in the Report of its Constitution Committee. A pathetic interest attaches to the dedication on the opposite page, since it was accepted "with pleasure" by Dr. Jacob six days before his lamented death. I have, therefore, allowed it to remain as I wrote it in his lifetime.

H. NELSON HARDY.

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