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PREFACE.

AT the desire of the publishers and author of this work, I have undertaken, by means of a short Preface, to introduce it to the members of the Legal and Medical professions.

It is scarcely necessary to say that it affords me much pleasure to accede to their request, and thus assist in the *début* of my son, about making (to quote the language of Lord Byron) his “first dash into literature.”

I am glad of the opportunity of advancing with him to the footlights of the great stage of letters, and, after an affectionate grip of the hand, and a few cheering and stimulating words, leave him to the kind judgment of his audience—the *critics*.

The author has compiled this volume with great care and unflagging industry. I have glanced through the proof sheets and found the *data* accurate. I believe the book will be of great value as one of reference to lawyers as well as to all persons associated with lunatic asylums, and interested in the legal care of the insane.

During the progress of the work, the author has

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communicated with the most distinguished continental *alienists*, as well as with the lunacy officials of Scotland and Ireland, and they have kindly placed at his disposal much valuable information relative to the laws regulating the confinement of the insane in their respective countries, which has been embodied in these pages.

He hopes that this volume will fill a gap existing in medico-psychological literature. No medical practitioner having access to it can for the future plead ignorance of the law as an excuse for its violation, as he will find here clearly specified everything that he is required to know in regard to the legal confinement of persons (paupers as well as others) alleged to be of unsound mind, not only in licensed, but unlicensed, houses as “single patients.”

The author has also drawn attention to the documents the physician is required to arrange and sign, in conformity with the provisions of the Lunacy Acts, previously to, and after, placing a patient under restraint. Instructions are also given for drawing up the official records necessary to be kept by the resident medical or non-resident medical officer of an asylum, and suggestions are made as to the mode of signing the medical certificates, order, and statement, authorising the use of restraint, and of filling up the reports it is obligatory for the medical officer to make for the inspection of those appointed by the government to visit asylums, and to report as to their condition.

But, what is of more importance to the busy prac-

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titioner (who, in moments of difficulty, may have no authoritative work at hand to consult, and no experienced legal friend on the spot to whom he may apply for information), he will find pointed out in this volume the rocks and dangerous quicksands to be avoided; in other words, he can easily ascertain what he may, and may not, do in reference to the confinement and detention of persons alleged to be mentally unsound, and fit subjects for surveillance.

The “pains and penalties” to which he makes himself liable for any infraction of the lunacy laws are here distinctly detailed, so that he who runs may read and understand his responsible duties when called upon to assist in temporarily curtailing the liberty of a person on the plea of his being mischievously insane, and consequently unfit to be at large, govern himself, or to manage his own affairs.

The reader will also find in this manual valuable statistical facts relating to the insane in this and other countries, with an account of the principal asylums, public and private, the names of the proprietors, resident and consulting medical officers, and information with regard to the scale of charges for the maintenance of the patients, as well as instructions for obtaining ready admission for these afflicted persons, should it be necessary to place them under “care and treatment” in asylums specially organised for their reception.

The author has analysed the Acts of Parliament that refer to Commissions of Lunacy and Chancery patients, and briefly indicated the course to be

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pursued should it be necessary to petition the Lord Chancellor to issue a writ *De Lunatico Inquirendo*, in order to enable the Court to protect and administer the property of insane persons.

In the final chapter are delineated the characteristic symptoms of the various phases of insanity, which the physician has to describe when certifying to a person's mental derangement prior to his being placed under restraint, with a short explanation of the nosological terms representative of particular types of insanity which he will be required to define, when giving evidence in a court of law as to the existence of the unsoundness of mind of persons accused of crime, or alleged to be deficient in testamentary capacity.

I wish to add two or three words in conclusion. I offer no apology for saying, what the diffidence of the author would obviously preclude him from stating, that he has brought to the composition of this work a considerable amount of knowledge acquired from a careful study of the literature of insanity, as well as valuable practical experience regarding the laws regulating asylums and the confinement of insane persons, from his having resided for several years in my establishment at Hammer-smith, and taken an active part in its management.

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