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## PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

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THE Authors of this Manual have to explain that the active development of Psychological Medicine during recent years has compelled them to amplify their work. The great principle that Mental Disease depends solely upon cerebral conditions, which was systematically taught in these pages fifteen years ago, has now become so thoroughly established that it is no longer questioned. Its full recognition, however, has been followed by such activity of observation and research that the field of inquiry has been extended in every direction, and at the present time it may truly be said that new opinions, new forms of Insanity, and new remedies have been and are being multiplied at a rate which far outstrips the steady march of consolidated knowledge. As the field of inquiry extends, the crop of good results is more difficult to garner. The history of a text-book must follow that of its science. While this is expanding it must enlarge, when this is consolidating it may contract. At the present time Psychological Science is undergoing a most notable process of expansion, and there is no sign that it will ever again be "cribbed, cabined, and confined" by dogmas, either legal or theological, nor any indication that its bounds will be circumscribed by any limits more narrow than man's power to investigate the secrets of organization. Practically, however, Psychological Medicine has to teach what is known of Mental Disease and how to deal with it, and to this the Authors have endeavoured to restrict themselves; and while they have felt bound to mention many opinions which are yet under discussion, and many observations which still need verification, they have striven so to present these to the reader that he may be able to distinguish the yet unstable from the solid ground of knowledge.

The Authors have only to add that they have gladly availed themselves of the practical knowledge of Cerebral Histology possessed by one of its most successful investigators, Dr. J. Batty Tuke, of Edinburgh, who is the author of the Histological portion of the chapter on Pathology, and that the authorship of the volume is divided, as before, between Dr. Bucknill and Dr. Daniel Hack Tuke.

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