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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

THIS book was originally founded upon a course of lectures (Lane Medical Lectures) delivered at Stanford University, California, in the summer of 1913. The lectures were issued in the following year amongst the publications of the University, but in an abbreviated form and without illustrations. It also happened that the proofs, which had been sent for correction, failed to reach me; so that the work as it appeared contained an unusual number of incidental errors. On these and other grounds I judged it desirable, with the concurrence of the University authorities, to publish the substance of the lectures in a revised form, with the addition of the tracings and photographs which were used to illustrate them: thus both enabling the subject to be treated more fully and affording the opportunity of presenting it to a wider audience. The book so constituted was published in 1916, and the issue was sold out within three years. I have not found time until now to prepare another edition, but the work has been available in a translation into French by MM. Guy Laroche and G. Richard; to this a considerable amount of new matter was added both by the translators and myself. These additions have also been embodied in a Spanish translation by Professor J. M. Bellido; it appears therefore that the demand for the work was widespread. It has accordingly been thought desirable now to issue a new English edition embodying the extensive additions to our knowledge which have appeared since the first publication. The result is the production of what is to all intents and purposes a new book, which differs from the original one not only in containing a far greater amount of material in the text, but also by the circumstance that the sources of the more important or recent facts are indicated in footnotes. It is hoped that this may render the work useful to those engaged in research, although for a complete bibliography the student of endocrinology would naturally consult Biedl's well-known work, *Innere Sekretion*, of which nearly five hundred pages are occupied by the titles of papers dealing with this subject, or *Endocrinology and Metabolism* (1922), edited by L. F. Barker, of which more than seven hundred pages are devoted to a similar enumeration.

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