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OF
MILITARY SURGERY;

OR,
HINTS ON THE EMERGENCIES OF
FIELD, CAMP AND HOSPITAL PRACTICE.

ILLUSTRATED WITH WOOD-CUTS.

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“L'occasion est urgente, le jugement difficile.”

“For want of timely care, millions have died of medicable wounds.”

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TO

SAMUEL WIESSELL GROSS, M.D.,

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And one of the Editors of the North American Medico-Chirurgical Review.

THIS LITTLE VOLUME,

DESIGNED TO MITIGATE SOME OF THE HORRORS

OF THE CIVIL WAR

NOW IMPENDING OVER

OUR ONCE HAPPY AND GLORIOUS COUNTRY,

IS AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED

BY

THE AUTHOR.



PREFACE.

THE sole object which prompts me to publish this little book is an ardent desire to be useful to the young physicians who have so hurriedly entered the volunteer service, perhaps not always with a full knowledge of the weighty responsibilities of their position. It treats, very succinctly, of various matters not generally discussed, except in large and ponderous volumes, inaccessible in the camp and on the battle-field. It is essentially a book for emergencies; portable, easy of reference, always at hand. The substance of it was originally intended as an article for the July number of the NORTH AMERICAN MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL REVIEW, and it was not until I had made considerable progress in its composition that the idea suggested itself to my mind that it might, if published separately, be of service to a part of my profession at this particular juncture in our public affairs.

I pray the young men into whose hands this Manual may happen to fall, to be careful of the

health and lives of the poor soldiers committed to their professional keeping. I exhort them to perform their duty as skillful surgeons and physicians, as men of courage, and as Christians, in order that, when they return to their homes and their friends, after the tumult and perils of war shall be over, if war there should unfortunately be, they may be able to render a good account of their stewardship, and so entitle themselves to their country's benediction.

I would also exhort them, in a special manner, to take good care, not only of the lives of their countrymen, but also of their limbs, mutilated in battle. Conservative surgery has, at the present day, claims of paramount importance upon the attention of every military practitioner; for, in the language of good old George Herbert,

Man is all symmetric,
Full of proportion, one limbe to another,
And all to all the world besides;
Each part calls the furthest brother;
For head with foot hath private amitie:
And both with moons and tides.

S. D. GROSS.

PHILADELPHIA, May, 1861.

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