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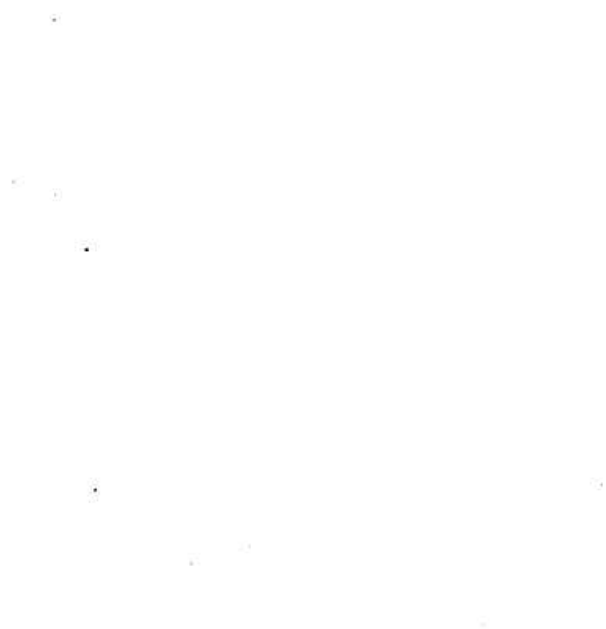
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## P R E F A C E.

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THIS article on the different forms of Diabetes and their various treatments, consists of a part of a course of original lectures on the urine and diseases of the urinary organs which, with slight modifications, I have annually delivered to medical practitioners since the year 1856.

This article was first published in the "Medical Times and Gazette," during last year (1865), and it is on account of its containing much that is novel, both in a practical and theoretical point of view, that I have been induced to reprint it in a separate form.

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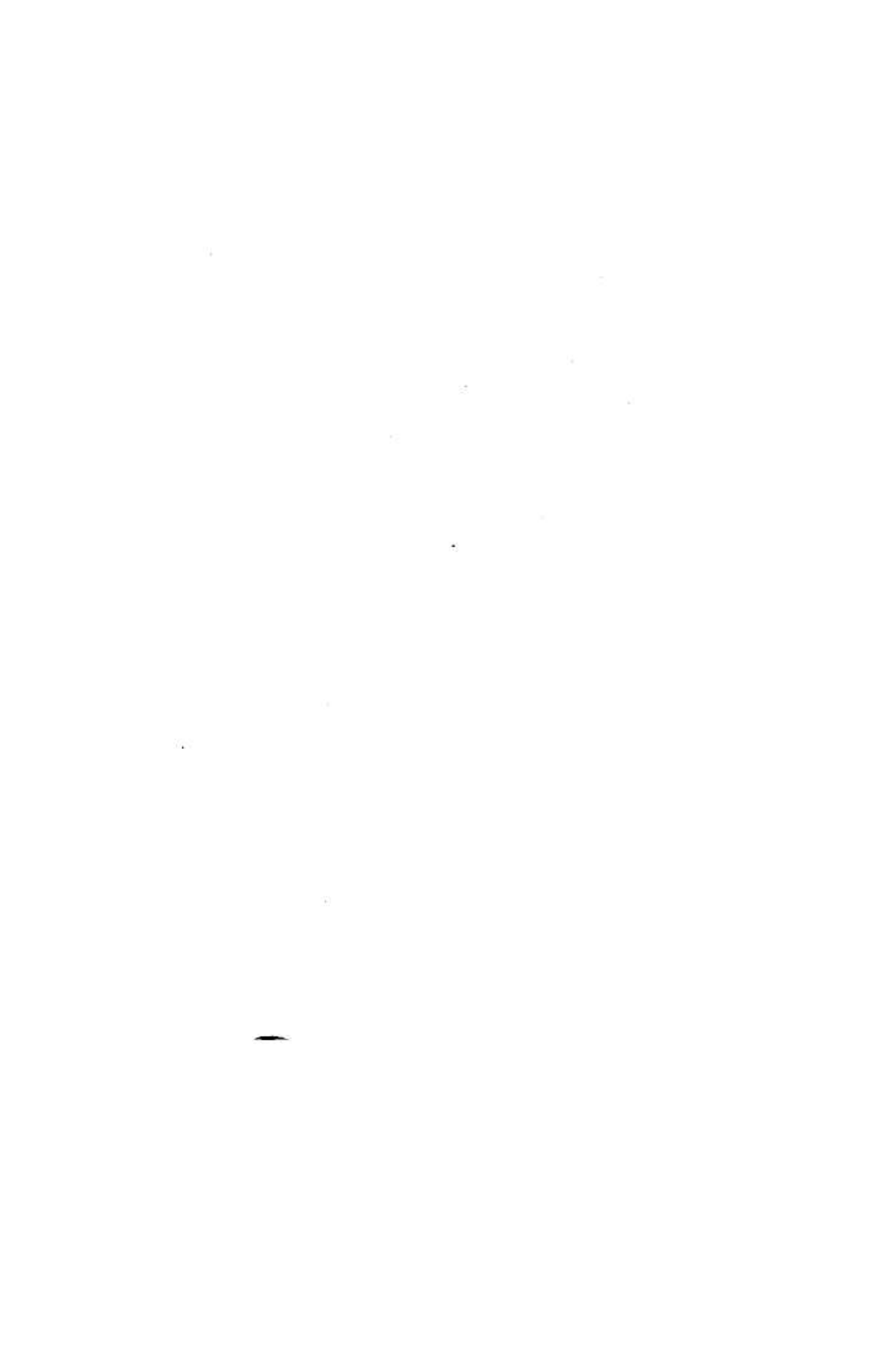




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## DIABETES MELLITUS.

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In no department of experimental research have results of greater value to the clinical physician been recently obtained than in that connected with the study of animal saccharine matter. Within the last few years, indeed (since 1848), an entire revolution has taken place in our ideas of the physiology and pathology of diabetes; and, although we have still much to learn before we can completely unravel the skein of laws regulating the formation and destruction of sugar in the animal economy, we have, nevertheless, reason to congratulate ourselves upon that which has already been achieved, and be sanguine in our expectations of what science may yet accomplish.

Before entering upon the consideration of this important era, which dawned within my own time, and whose gradual development I have not only watched as an interested spectator, but occasionally assisted as a conscientious actor, it will be advisable for me briefly to scan the earlier literature of diabetes, in order that you may better appreciate the advances that have been recently made, and comprehend in what respect the views of its pathology about to be given essentially differ from those of my predecessors and contemporaries.

From time immemorial, cases of emaciation, accompanied by an inordinate thirst and voracious appetite, had been

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