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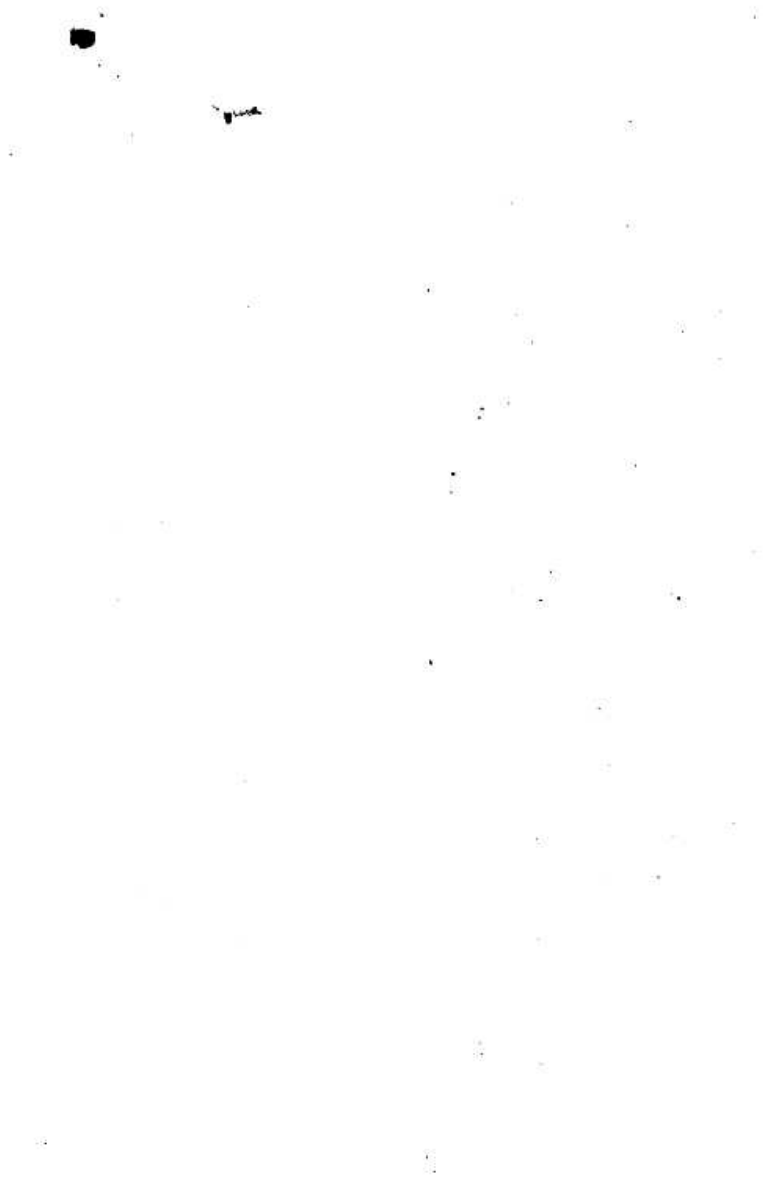
PREFACE.

THE following Lectures were originally written for the benefit of students attending the Junior Class of Clinical Medicine at University College. They were published in the 'Lancet' in the course of 1880; they were thence in part copied into the 'British Journal of Dental Science' and the 'Missouri Dental Journal.' The author has, therefore, been led to think that possibly they fulfil a want, and that students and practitioners may be glad to have them in a separate form.

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LECTURE I.—THE PHYSICAL SIGNS DERIVABLE FROM THE BREATH, LIPS, TEETH, AND MOUTH.

GENTLEMEN,—It is my duty to bring to your notice the various physical signs of disease which are to be obtained from an examination of the throat and windpipe; but inasmuch as it is impossible to properly examine the throat without at the same time examining the mouth and nose, I think I shall be best fulfilling my duty by dealing methodically not only with the throat, but also with the oral and nasal cavities which lie above it.

The physical signs met with in these regions of the body appeal not only to the sight, touch, and hearing, but occasionally to the sense of smell as well; and the first thing which forces itself on our attention is often the odour of the breath.

The *smell of the breath* is a valuable physical sign, and in many diseases is so characteristic as to enable the man of experience to form a diagnosis from it alone with almost absolute certainty. It is impossible to describe the various odours of the breath; experience alone will enable you to distinguish one from the other, and I shall merely content myself with cataloguing some of the most distinctive of them. The smell of drink is the most common of all, and in cases of insensibility is often a valuable indication of the cause. It may give a valuable hint as to the habits of the patient; and I would here remind you that over-indulgence in alco-

* Delivered to the Junior Class of Clinical Medicine, University College.