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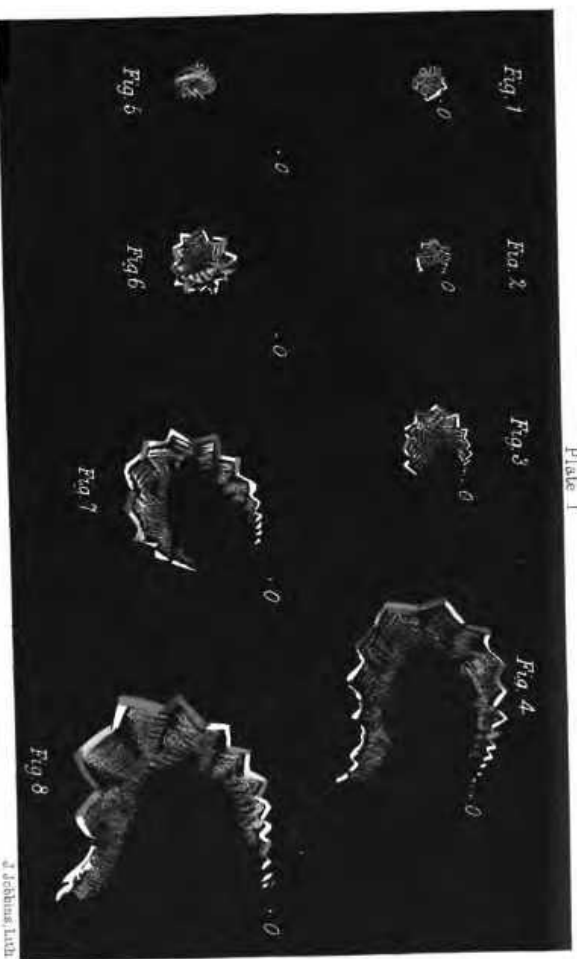
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Plate I



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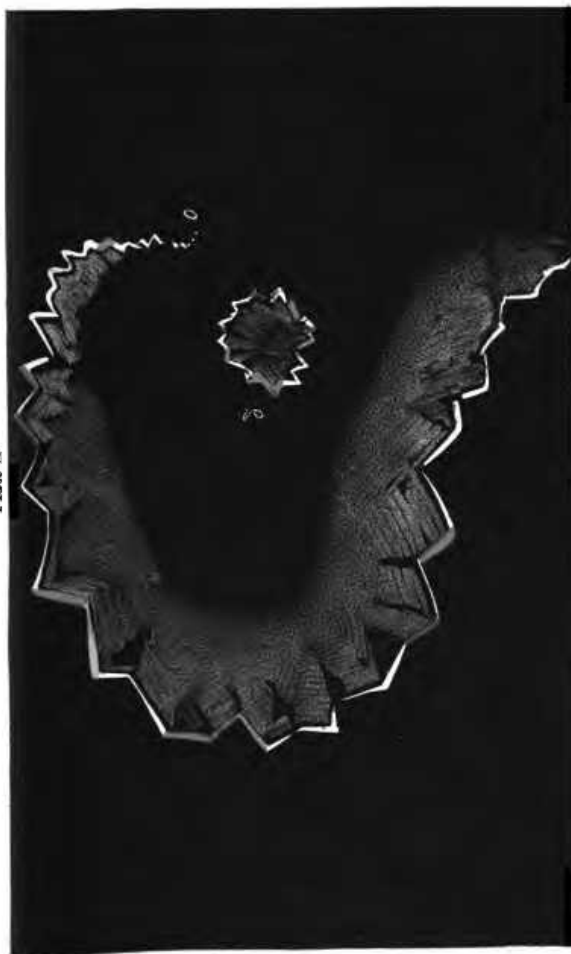
Figs. 1-4.—Early stages of the affection of vision which sometimes precedes sick-headache; the glimmering beginning close to the sight-point. (See page 7.) The letter O marks the sight-point or centre of the field of vision, in each figure.

Figs. 5-8.—A similar series; the glimmering beginning a few degrees below and to the left of the sight-point. (See page 8.)

PLATE II.

The same phenomenon fully developed.  $\delta$ . Beginning of a secondary attack, which never attains full development unless it arise on the opposite side. (See page 8.)

Plaque II



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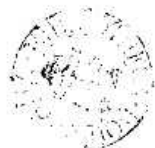
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## PREFACE.

IN the two following lectures I have endeavoured to show that the phenomena of what is popularly called sick-headache or bilious headache, may be produced by uncontrolled or disturbed action of the sympathetic nervous system. The first lecture was delivered in March, 1872, and soon after its publication in the *British Medical Journal*, my attention was directed to the papers of Du Bois Reymond, Möllendorff, and Wilks, whose respective views I have referred to, in my second lecture, which was delivered in February, 1873. My chief object however in writing the latter was to point out how, in my opinion, the disturbed action of the sympathetic is brought about.

The plan of treatment based upon this theory, and advocated in the following pages has, in my hands, proved successful; and I am therefore in-

clined to regard this fact as supporting, in some measure, the truth of the theory.

I am indebted to Dr. Airy for allowing me to reproduce the drawings (Plates I. and II.) which accompanied his paper in the *Philosophical Transactions*, "on a distinct form of Transient Hemiopsia."

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