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PREFACE.

IN the following pages I have not aimed at writing an exhaustive treatise on auscultation and percussion, but merely an introduction to the examination of the chest by these and other methods. Each section is virtually based on lectures delivered by me at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, during the course of the demonstrations, which it has been my duty, as medical tutor, to give to the students during the last few years, by way of preparation for clinical work in the medical wards. I have therefore avoided all discussion of theory, and have adopted in the text, without argument, that theory in each case which appears to me on the whole to furnish the best explanation of the facts.

I have endeavoured throughout to keep clearly in view the wants of beginners, and to write a simple and concise account of the main facts of prominent importance, describing what seems to

me the best method of observing these facts, and showing the use which may be made of them for the purpose of diagnosis.

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