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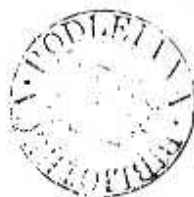
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PREFACE.

DURING the Summer Session of 1856, it was proposed that I should deliver at the Medical School, Surgeons' Hall, a short course of lectures on Dental Surgery. Throughout that and subsequent sessions, I felt the want of a concise work on the subjects brought under notice. Several excellent and comprehensive treatises on the Anatomy and Diseases of the Teeth no doubt existed; but they were not of a character suiting the requirements of the class. Along with advanced medical students, a considerable number of the pupils were the ordinary assistants of dental practitioners, and unacquainted with many of the mere elementary facts in medicine. The idea thus occurred to me of

drawing up a volume of small size, and of such a nature as would render it acceptable to medical students, while it would afford to non-medical pupils an epitome of those leading facts in anatomy and physiology, essential for entering on the study of dental disease.

The conviction that an exclusively special knowledge of any one department of medicine or surgery was objectionable, almost led me to treat the subject in a manner pre-supposing some advance to have been made in the usual branches of a medical education. This, however, would have frustrated the end I had in view. I have therefore attempted nothing more than an exposition, in a condensed form, and simple terms, of the anatomy and pathology of the teeth in relation to ordinary dental practice.

In a work of the kind there can be little claim to originality, beyond the selection and arrangement of proper materials, and their reduction to the smallest space consistent with perspicuity.

PREFACE.

In doing so, I have availed myself of the advantages afforded in the works of such authorities as Owen, Goodsir, Tomes, &c., and made whatever selections seemed suitable for the purpose from some of my own published papers.

The small size of the volume necessarily renders the treatment of many subjects terse. But it will be found that very few, if any, of practical interest have not been touched upon; while those of more general utility have been discussed at considerable length.

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