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PREFACE.

IN the year 1845 I undertook, at the request of the officers of the Middlesex Hospital School of Medicine, to give a series of lectures on Dental Physiology and Surgery. The gentlemen who attended my class, towards the conclusion of the course solicited me to give a lecture on artificial teeth. They were most of them about to establish themselves as general practitioners, and hence wished to possess such information only as would enable them to advise with their patients, both as

to the adoption and management of artificial teeth.

In the course of the same year, the lectures appeared in the *London Medical Gazette*, and after undergoing considerable revision were, in 1848, published in the volume which is now before the public.

The lecture on artificial teeth was the last in the course, and is the last in the recently published volume.

Since this work has been issued from the press, it has been suggested to me that the concluding lecture, if revised and printed apart from the preceding ones, would supply a want which is very gene-

rally felt by those who, after losing the natural, find it necessary to adopt artificial organs of mastication;—that it would enable individuals so circumstanced to learn what to expect from, and how to manage new teeth; and would at the same time instruct the reader how, in case of accidental breakage, a temporary repair might be made by the means at his own disposal, or at all events place him in a position to judge whether an injury admits of repair from other hands than those of the dentist.

Under these circumstances I have thought it expedient to revise and reprint, apart from the others, the lecture

in question. It has, however, been retained in its original form, that of a lecture, because the colloquial manner is suitable for conveying instruction, and because I wish it to be considered rather as one of a series of lectures printed apart for the sake of convenience, than as an isolated essay.

Wood-cuts have been added, for the execution of which I am indebted to Mr. Vasey.

*37, Cavendish Square,
January, 1851.*

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I PROMISED, before concluding this course of lectures, to give you some account of artificial teeth—their use, their construction, and their management. I will now redeem my pledge; but I must be brief, for we have but one lecture at our disposal, and the subject is a large one.

Most of you are about to enter on the path of general practice, and, in the exer-