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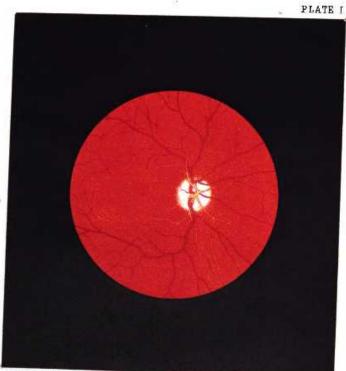
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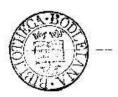
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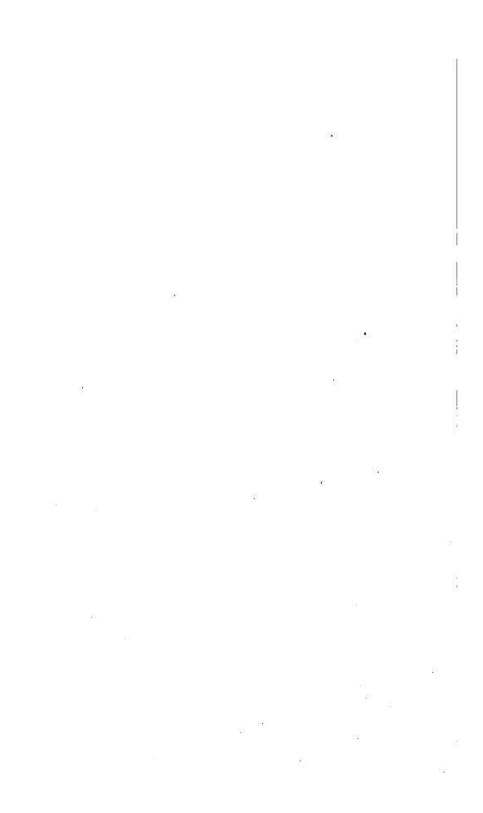
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### PREFACE.

THE following Lectures have been delivered from time to time in St. Mark's Ophthalmic Hospital and in the Richmond Hospital in the shape of stated lectures or as clinical instruction by the patient's side; some of them have already appeared in The Dublin Quarterly Journal of Medical Science, from which they have been reprinted. It may perhaps be asked what necessity there was for their publication, seeing that several works, probably of a superior character, are already in existence, which either embrace the same subject or treat of it specially. To this not unreasonable question I have to answer that several of these works being expensive or in a foreign language are inaccessible to the general student. I am constantly asked by my pupils what work they should read on the ophthalmoscope, and on my recommending the best and standard one-that of Zander, translated by Mr. Carter-more than one have confessed to me that they have been deterred from the study of that work by its eminently scientific character, by its very learnedness. It is a well-known fact that students and others will read the work of one who is personally known to them in preference to that of a stranger, and that they will study the former when they will not, unless obliged to do so, open the latter at all. The present compilation, which I intend to be simply an introductory guide to the study of the diseases within the eyeball, is specially addressed to the students of the Dublin

School of Medicine, to some of whom the Lectures were originally delivered, by one who is personally known to them and who was but recently one of their own body; by one who can and does enter into their difficulties and whom they have no hesitation in questioning and referring to in their doubts and perplexities. So far as my experience goes intra-ocular diseases and the employment of the ophthalmoscope have not hitherto received that attention in this country which they undoubtedly deserve; the use of the ophthalmoscope in ocular and cerebral affections is assuredly as imperatively necessary as the use of the stethoscope in pulmonary and cardiac affections. For these and other reasons I have ventured to make these Lectures public. If I shall thereby have succeeded in diffusing any little additional knowledge, or have assisted my professional brethren in their difficulties, or rendered even the slightest service to the unfortunately very large class of sufferers from diseases of the eyes in my own country, my labour will not have been in vain.

Dublin, 29, Lower Baggot-street, 26th February, 1868.