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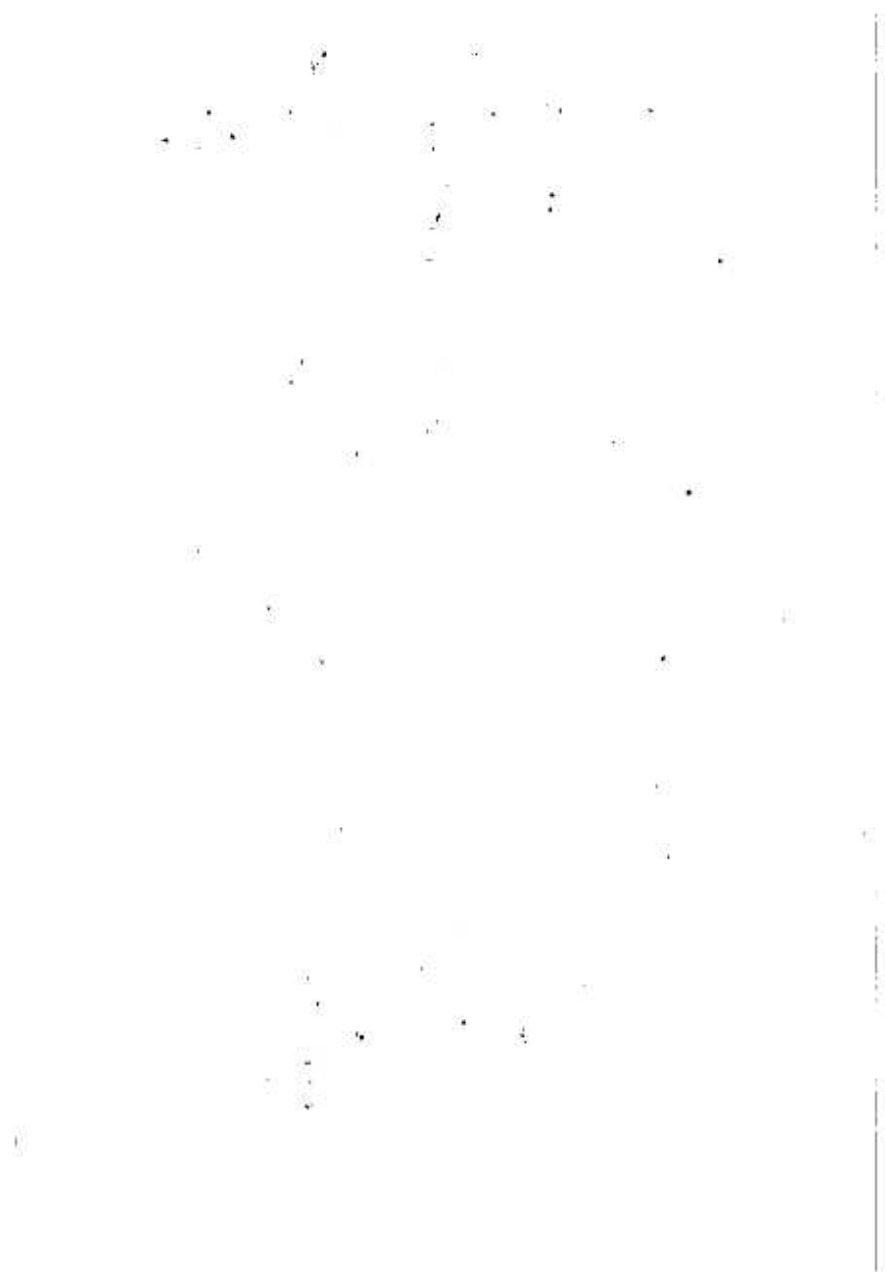
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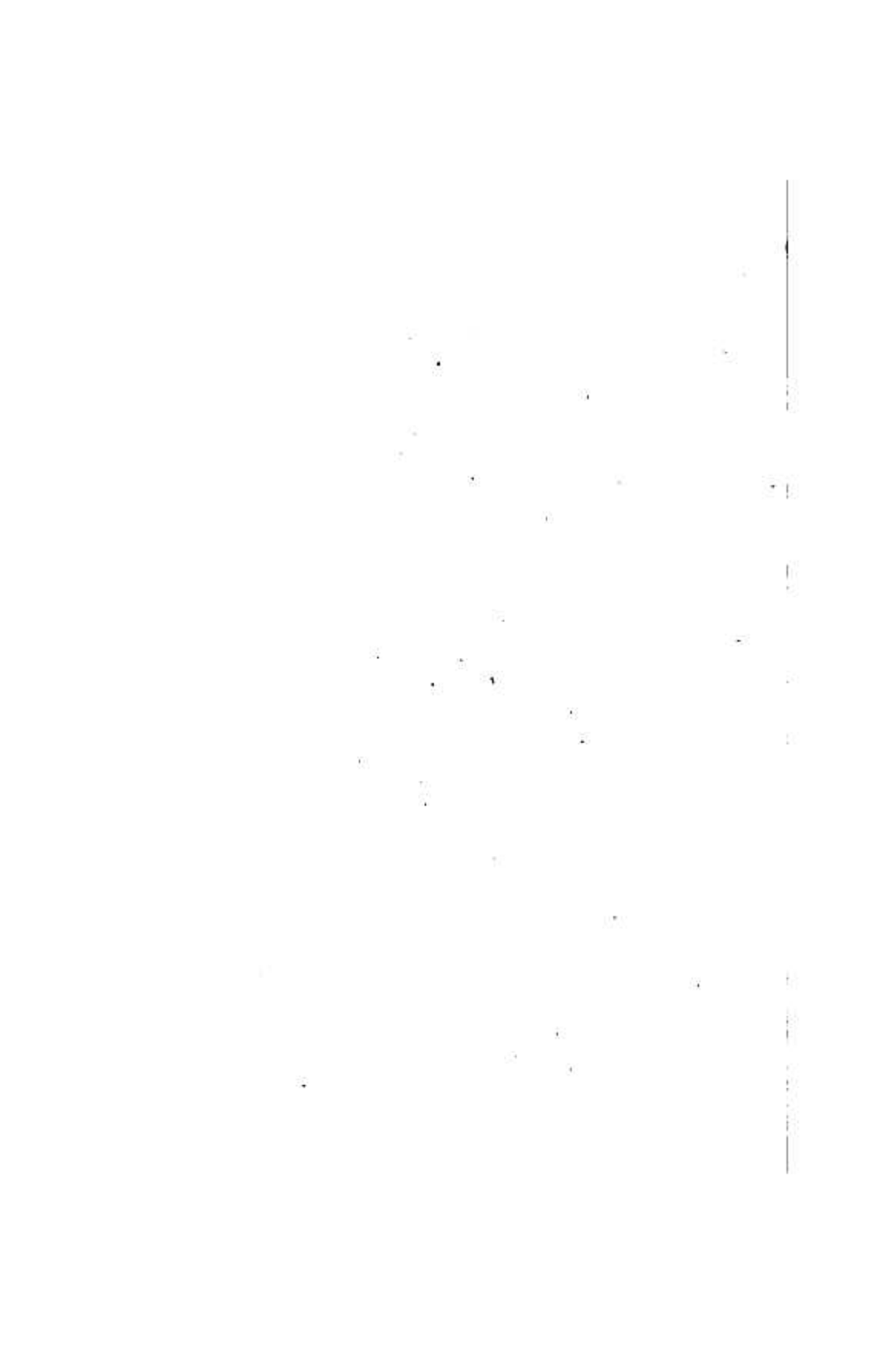
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## PREFACE.

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THROUGHOUT the time I held the chair of Anatomy at St. Mary's Hospital, it was my custom to require each student to give written answers to a number of questions before presenting himself for the public examinations. From such experience I found that even those who possessed a good knowledge of the subject failed in the first instance to express themselves satisfactorily, many not realising with sufficient exactness the precise question, and so being too diffuse in their answers, others, with less intelligence, striving to make up for a deficient knowledge by extending their answers to collateral parts not included in the questions. Almost without exception the answers to the earlier papers indicated an absence of method, often merely a want of experience in transcribing the thoughts on paper. To obviate this I advised the following plan: 1st. That each question should be read several times until its direct bent should be ascertained; 2nd, that a number of heads should be written upon a slip of paper, and, after deliberation, arranged numerically according

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to their respective importance. 3rd, That the answer should be developed by a full description under the different heads.

The plan worked admirably. Some twenty questions formed sufficient practice for the more intelligent students, others preferring more, whilst all found the experience to develop their power of expressing themselves at the same time that it impressed the subject-matter more distinctly upon their memory.

With such experience on the advantage of test questions, I was not unwilling, at the request of Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co., to collect and arrange a series of anatomical questions, and to append formulated replies to them, believing that such a work would diminish to some extent the difficulties in the way of acquiring a thorough knowledge of anatomy.

By the kind assistance of Mr. George Giles, M.R.C.S., my late Assistant Demonstrator—who has relieved me of a great deal of that labour which is entailed in writing upon subjects our knowledge of which, though large, is limited—the work has been accomplished in a manner which, I trust, will be found to supply students of anatomy with that form of assistance which I have learned by experience they require.

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