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LECTURE I.

INTRODUCTION: PHYSICAL PREREQUISITES.

In beginning a course of lectures on Preaching to the Yale Divinity School, I am fully aware of the very thorough and admirable way in which the subject has been treated by the distinguished teachers who have preceded me in this office. Their instructions are still fresh in your memory, and have been wisely put into permanency through the printed page, so that they will ever form a valuable portion of the apparatus of every theological seminary. With this fact before me, I deem it the part of a prudent expediency to treat the subject rather at its circumference than at its center, that I may avoid those details which have been so elaborately and exhaustively treated. If, then, I shall call your attention rather to the Preacher than the Preaching, his qualifications, character, manner, and life, rather than the measure, weight, and analysis of his words, I trust I may be considered as still within the province assigned me, and ministering to the requirements of this foundation.

As I understand the intention of this system of lectures, it is not a disquisition, attempting to ex-