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P R E F A C E .

THE articles here published are essentially clinical notes, and have to a considerable extent already appeared in print. They are in the main based on the author's observations in practise, through detailed accounts of cases have been almost entirely avoided, since at best, such reports must always be somewhat egotistical and monotonous.

The paper on Ear Disease in Childhood, will, the author trusts, furnish the busy practitioner with a few useful hints which may enable him to arrest in their incipient stage, some of those insidious forms of Ear affections which when neglected at their outset prove in after life difficult or impossible to relieve.

The article on Otorrhœa and Life Assurance, at the time of its appearance in the British Medical Journal, elicited a very favourable editorial article, and was reprinted in the Insurance Record, and many letters from medical referees, and others interested in Life Assurance, addressed privately to the author, on the subject, assured him of the interest taken in the question and may be held to justify its reproduction. A case has but recently terminated fatally, from Cerebral Abscess, in the Central Throat and Ear Hospital, which well illustrated the dangers attending a chronic discharge from the Ear in an otherwise healthy person.

The remarks on Peculiar Aural and Cerebral Symptoms, appeared in a condensed form in the *Lancet*, and may, it is hoped, draw attention to a class of Aural cases which are now frequently overlooked or erroneously interpreted.

The author is aware that he has nothing absolutely novel to suggest in the treatment of Diseases of the Tonsils and Uvula, nevertheless, as considerable uncertainty exists in the minds of many as to the class of cases which are likely to derive benefit from operative interference, he has endeavoured to indicate the conditions probably amenable to surgical treatment. The article has not been written in the spirit of a systematic treatise, but rather as a reproduction of the observations and answers which the writer is accustomed to make to the students and visitors attending his hospital clinique.

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ON THE NECESSITY
FOR THE
EARLY RECOGNITION & TREATMENT
OF
EAR DISEASES IN CHILDHOOD.

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Medical Association at Sheffield, 1876.)*

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ON THE
NECESSITY FOR THE EARLY RECOGNITION
AND
TREATMENT OF EAR-DISEASES IN CHILDHOOD.

WHEN a young patient is brought to a surgeon for the treatment of deafness, otorrhœa, polypus, or other chronic aural malady, the almost invariable statement is volunteered, that the parents thought the child would "grow out of it" as it got stronger, and that they had been told that the ears should on no account be "tampered with," and, *mirabile dictu*, I have also been several times assured that, in the case of girls, the friends had been advised that the deafness would probably disappear on the advent of the catamenia. It is hardly necessary to point out that no surgeon would permit such a *laissez-faire* style of procedure with an ophthalmia,