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PREFACE.

HAVING been asked for copies of these Lectures by professional friends abroad and in England, I venture to publish them separately, encouraged by the favourable opinion of the Medical Press. The circumstances of their delivery, especially the limitation to three hours, must be my excuse for their very fragmentary character. Enough, however, I think, has been said to show the importance of the further development of the treatment of Phthisis by open air, by exercise and climate, under strict medical guidance; and also to show the necessity of numerous special hospitals and health-establishments for the treatment of those consumptive invalids who are not rich.

I further wish to lay stress on the fact that it is the duty of our profession to teach the public that it is a great mistake to think that the invalid and his friends are able to manage the dietetic and hygienic treatment of consumption, or that it is enough to go for a season, or for several seasons, to a certain climatic health-resort, and that the climate itself is able to cure phthisis, without the assistance of local doctors. Many valuable lives are lost through this error, even under the most favourable climatic circumstances,—lives which might be saved under strict medical guidance.

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