

TWO

# LECTURES

ON THE

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TREATMENT

OF

**BURNS.**



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## PREFACE.

THE following Lectures were addressed to the pupils attending my clinical class, and were intended solely for their instruction.

The principles which they inculcate I have endeavoured to enforce, by precept and example, for many years.

As the subject is one of very general importance, I have, at the instigation of an old pupil and friend, determined to give them more publicity. I have been further induced to take this step from the numerous instances of deformity and lameness which present themselves every year for admission into St. Bartholomew's requiring very painful and serious operations; the majority of which might unquestionably have been prevented, if the rules contained in the following pages had been attended to. I have yet a further

motive for publishing: many fathers of families and other non-professional persons have asked me, what they ought to do in the event of any severe burn or scald, before they could obtain professional assistance. The directions contained in the following pages are so simple that I trust they will be understood by every one. It has been my endeavour to compress my matter as much as possible, as I am aware that the present age is not very well disposed to the study of elaborate works. At the same time I trust, that nothing of practical importance has been omitted. If I could flatter myself that my humble effort to be useful to my fellow-creatures should be the means of introducing, into general practice, a more rational plan of treatment, than those usually adopted in such cases, and, consequently, of preventing the frequent occurrence of deformity and lameness after severe burns, my object would be fully answered.

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## ON BURNS.

### LECTURE I.

GENTLEMEN,

THERE are several cases of very severe and extensive burns at present in the hospital; a circumstance which induces me to invite your attention to this important subject. In doing so, I shall have occasion to deviate from what may be considered as strictly clinical observations, and enter more fully into detail, to explain the views which I entertain, and the principles which regulate my practice. It is a subject which well merits your most serious attention; not only from the frequency of its occurrence among the labouring poor, but likewise from the fatal results which so frequently follow, and the calamitous deformities and lameness which so often ensue, should the patient survive the injury.