

## I. THE INITIAL RASHES.

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In the abundant literature of small-pox, contained in the standard text-books, and scattered through the various periodicals, mention is occasionally made of rashes occurring in the initial stage of the disease. The reference to them in the ordinary English works on the Practice of Medicine is usually limited to two or three lines, stating that the eruption is sometimes preceded by an erythematous or erysipelatous rash. (See text books of Aitken, Wood, Watson, Niemeyer, Barlow.) Many make no mention whatever of them. (Bennett, Tanner). Even in the special works on the subject the notice is scarcely more extended.

Thompson\* refers to a roseolous rash as a common precursor of varioloid.

Munro† speaks of a "rosy efflorescence as in measles preceding the eruption in malignant small-pox."

Gregory‡ makes no mention of them, but refers to a scarlatina-like rash in the progress of the secondary fever.

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\* On Varioloid Diseases, pp. 35.-151.

† On Small-pox, p. 97.

‡ On Eruptive Fevers, p. 49.