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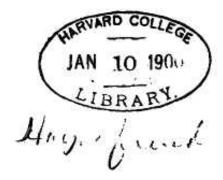
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PREFATORY NOTE.

THESE notes represent the essence of the lectures on Military Hygiene delivered to the class of 1889 at the Infantry and Cavalry School. The lectures were expansions of this syllabus, and were chiefly compilations with additions, comments, and illustrations from personal experience. Parkes's great work is the chief but not the only source whence the principles were drawn.

Originally prepared for the convenience of student officers, it has been thought that this abstract might be acceptable to officers of the line generally.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, May, 1890.

NOTE TO THE REVISED EDITION.

In this edition the text has been changed to correspond with the present army regulations and with the progress of sanitary science.

An essay has been added upon the care of troops in the field, especially in warm climates, which is an expansion of parts of the body of the work with some new matter.

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I.

THE SELECTION OF SOLDIERS.

Nature of Military Hygiene,

- In general terms military hygiene means the care of troops. This duty is ever present.
- It concerns line officers as they control the daily lives of men, and staff officers as they supply their food, their clothing, and their habitations.
- 3. It is of importance to soldiers because, removed from much independent action in relation to their own sanitary care, honesty requires they shall not be injured by the system imposed on them, and to the state because nothing is so costly as disease and nothing so remunerative as the outlay that augments health and thus increases the amount and value of the work done. (Parkes.)

General Physique.

- The whole military fabric rests upon the physical character of the individuals composing it.
- 5. The recruits must be trustworthy in physique before the military character can be developed, and