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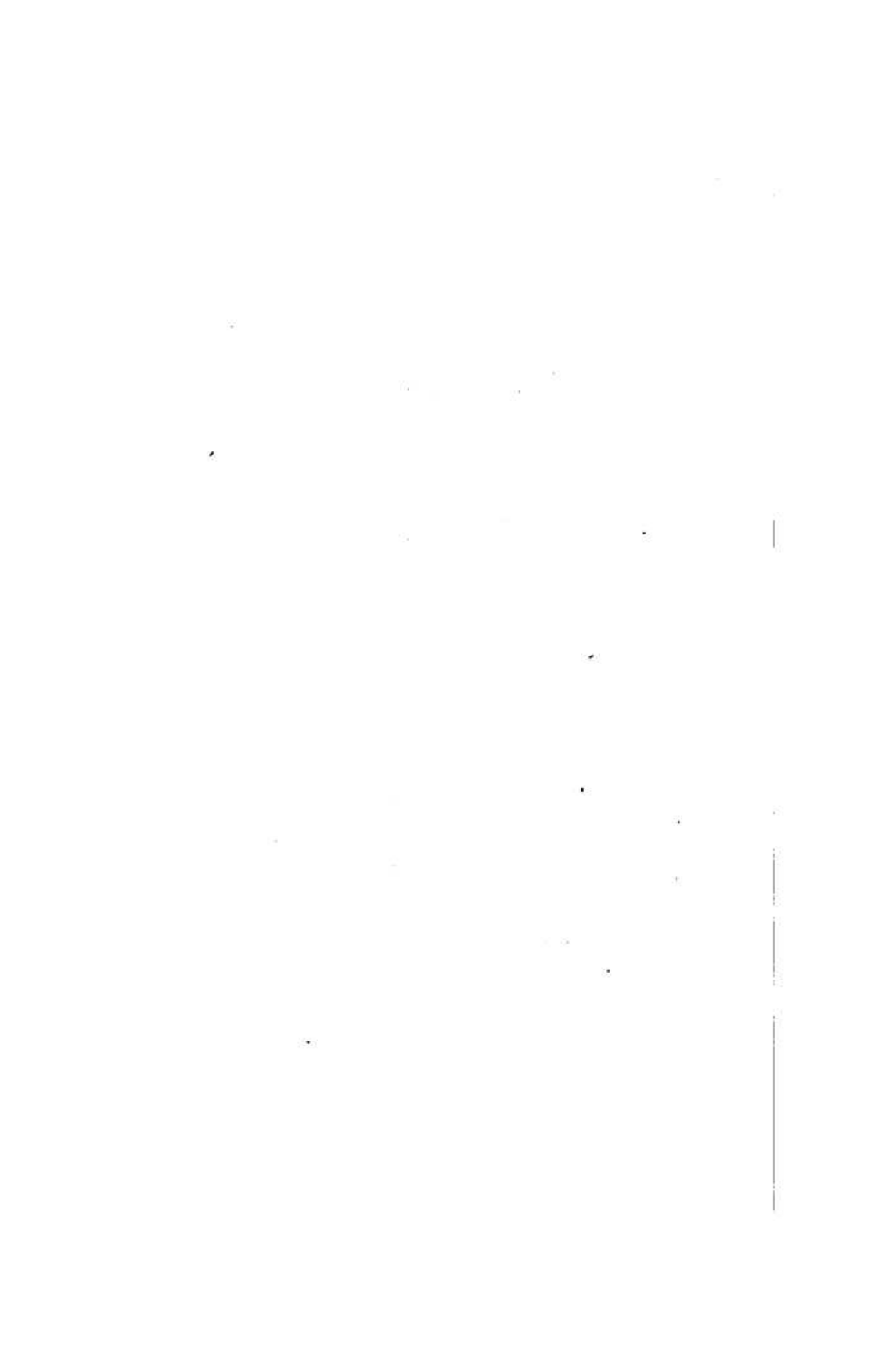
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INTRODUCTION.

THE object of the present Essay is to direct the attention of the Profession to the treatment of some affections of the Prostate Gland. The author is well aware of the incompleteness of the methods he has adopted, but the fewness of the remedies we already possess for the relief of so distressing and fatal a disease, has induced him to publish the result of his experience.

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AN ESSAY,

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THE diseases of the Prostate Gland are of so distressing and fatal a nature, and the remedies we are enabled to adopt for their relief are so few and inadequate, in comparison to the severity and seriousness of their maladies, that any addition to them, or any new plan of treatment which may have been employed for their benefit or cure, may not perhaps be considered unworthy of the notice of the profession, and more particularly of those unfortunate individuals who are the subjects of so grievous a disease.

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Having for years past paid considerable attention to some of the affections of this gland, and having adopted remedies, I have reason to believe, which were attended by the most beneficial effect, I feel it a duty incumbent on me to publish the result of my experience, and shall therefore presently relate the methods I have pursued in their treatment.

The prostate gland is situated at the neck of the bladder, and resembles in shape and size a middle sized chestnut. Although one substance, it is anatomically divided into three parts: two lateral lobes, and a third or middle lobe. The two lateral lobes lie on each side of the urethra, and are joined together at its lower surface, their broadest extremity being annexed to the bladder, and their narrowest anteriorly, towards the urethra, and thus the canal of the urethra passes through, and is formed by the pros-

tate at that part. The third or middle lobe is placed exactly in the middle of the sulcus between the two lateral lobes, just at the entrance into the bladder; but I shall give a more particular account of this part presently.

The prostate gland is very liable to enlargement, and more especially in the latter periods of life, although I have known it frequently to be increased in size long before the time generally stated by many writers on this subject. Cases have occurred under my observation where the individual has been the subject of the disease as early in life as twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five, forty, forty-five, and fifty years of age* : indeed,

* In the last volume of the Transactions of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society, there is a case, related by myself, where the prostate was enlarged, from melanoid disease in a child of five years of age, to the size of a large walnut; and its third lobe was as large as the whole gland at that period of life. The child died