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I remain,

Your faithful friend,

HENRY SMITH.

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PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

IN preparing a third edition of this little work, which has been so favorably received by my professional brethren, I have described and illustrated certain modes of treating Hæmorrhoids and Prolapsus which were not alluded to before, but which my more mature experience has justified me in recommending. I have, moreover, added a short, but entire chapter, on the Painful Ulcer of the Rectum, which is so often associated with, and mistaken for Hæmorrhoidal Disease.

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE former edition of this work consisted merely of a reprint of some papers which were originally published in the 'Medical Times and Gazette,' and which were written for the purpose of showing the value of the local application of nitric acid in certain cases of Hæmorrhoidal Disease and Prolapsus of the Rectum. In preparing this new edition, I have not confined myself mainly to an inquiry into the efficacy of one particular remedy, but have taken the opportunity to consider at some length the pathology and general treatment of the diseases in question. At the same time, the employment of nitric acid holds a pro-