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IN a Work on the "Diseases, Injuries, and Malformations of the Rectum," which has so far met with the approval of the profession as to have passed through four editions, and to have been republished in America, I have treated at length of all the affections to which the lower bowel is liable. It has been suggested to me, since the publication of the last edition—increased in size as it has been by the addition of new matter—that it would be in accordance with the wants of many Practitioners if I placed in their hands a practical description of those affections of the Rectum which by their frequency more constantly claim attention, apart from those of more rare occurrence. In compliance with this expressed wish, I have in the following pages treated of Prolapsus of the Rectum, Fistula in Ano, and Hæmorrhoidal Affections. Much of each Chapter has been rewritten with the intention of more clearly pointing out the two distinct conditions under which Prolapsus of the Rectum occurs, the structural differences of the several kinds of hæmorrhoidal tumours, with special

reference to their treatment, and the manner in which the internal opening in *Fistula in Ano* is formed; and, finally, I have directed attention to the frequent existence of these affections as an effect of *Cancer of the Rectum*.

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CHAPTERS on *Fissure of the Rectum* and on *Cancer of the Rectum* have been added in the present edition. Both maladies are of frequent occurrence, and often escape recognition at a period when treatment would be attended with the greatest benefit. The whole Book has been carefully revised, and paragraphs on the less important points condensed.

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