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RECTUM, ANUS, AND SIGMOID FLEXURE, THE
CURE OF WHICH MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED
WITHOUT SURGICAL ANÆSTHESIA

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WHOSE TRIALS AND HARDSHIPS I FULLY APPRECIATE, AND WHOSE
LABORS HAVE FOR MANY YEARS BEEN SHARED BY ME,
THIS VOLUME IS FRATERNALLY INSCRIBED

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PREFACE

It is not intended that this book shall take the place of larger works upon the same subject, but that it may be an addition to them, and cover many points that have been omitted. It is the result of many years practical work as a specialist and teacher along this line, and is a description of methods tried and found valuable.

Diagnosis is discussed very briefly, merely to bring the malady prominently before the reader. Etiology, pathology, anatomy, vague theories, and major operations are omitted, and the work devoted merely to treatment, which is discussed in the most terse and practical manner possible.

I have consulted freely the literature of the subject, and have made use of such portions as seemed suitable for a work of this kind.

As surgical procedures are an evolution, and the result of many minds working along the same lines, it is impossible to give proper credit to any one person; for this reason names of different men who have written upon this subject are not mentioned except in rare instances.

If any excuse were necessary for this work, I would only call attention to the fact that there