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P R E F A C E.

It will be some consolation to the reader to learn that I do not consider a lengthy prologue essential. It will also afford some compensation for the task of perusal to find that prolix apology is not offered, nor egotistical enumerations made of the sacrifice of time and labour through which this little volume is presented to the public. Were it necessary, I should detail my reasons for this adventure; they might be disposed of summarily in the affirmation, that I have had in view the diffusion of a more general knowledge of the diseases of the ear, and of the errors connected with aural practice. How far I may have realised such an object the following pages must be my testimony.

There are, however, more particular and special offices which I feel it my duty to perform in these preliminary remarks. The valuable assistance I have received from numerous professional and scientific friends in the preparation of this treatise call for prompt and warm acknowledgment. My thanks are



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In addition to the foregoing, I revert with pleasure to the advantage which I have gained from the various interesting cases which have been placed under my care by professional gentlemen, who will accept this as a record of my thanks for their confidence, and an acknowledgment of the service they have rendered me.

The greater number of the illustrations have been executed by Mr. Bagg, whose talents are so well known and valued, that any recommendation on my part is unnecessary. The anatomical illustrations have been taken from the beautiful and accurate plates of Scemmerring.

SAMUEL E. SMITH.

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