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I remain,

Your faithful friend,

HENRY SMITH.

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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 enquiry 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-

minent place in this treatise, because it is, when used with judgment and in proper cases, a very valuable agent, and one which is not sufficiently appreciated by the majority of Surgeons.

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