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THOSE who have done me the favour of perusing the former Volume, are aware of the inducements which prompted me to publish it before the completion of the work. The part now brought forth finishes my undertaking. It has been in manuscript for several years. The reasons which have retarded the publication are so much of a private and personal nature as to render it unnecessary to specify them. This delay has been irksome to myself; but I hope it has not been injurious, either to the cause of vaccination, or to the character of its author.

The feelings avowed in the first volume have never been absent from my mind during any part of the progress of the work. I am deeply conscious of its many imperfections, and should have been well contented to have seen the whole subject handled by some one possessed of more leisure and greater powers than belong to me. The labour has been carried on amid many hindrances; and had not the kind individuals whose names I have mentioned

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in the introduction, given me their aid, I must have abandoned it entirely. I have great pleasure in again recording their good offices, especially those of Richard Gamble, my oldest friend, whose attachment to me has been “ closer than that of a brother :”

SED NEC ILLA EXTINGTA SUNT, ALUNTURQUE POTTIUS ET AUGENTUR COGITATIONE ET MEMORIA.

He laboured with me in the examination of the voluminous papers with a devotion to the name of Jenner that well deserves to be had in remembrance : but, above all, he enabled me to give those illustrations of the views of pestilence which I deemed it necessary to present in the Fifth and Sixth Chapters of the first volume. Every succeeding day seems to have confirmed the truth of these views ; and it was a notion, perhaps an unfounded one, that the dissemination of them would tend to augment the confidence in vaccination, which tempted me to commit them to the press before the whole work was ready. In these conclusions I may have erred, but the sincerity of my purpose will not, on that account, I trust, be called in question.

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