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This item's onetime owner, Ernest H. Latham, brazenly penned his signature in blue ink (*right*) across the title page of Dr. Martin Gay's 1847 Statement of the Claims of Charles T. Jackson, M.D., to the Discovery of the Applicability of Sulphuric Ether to the Prevention of Pain in Surgical Operations. However, the cover (left) of this publication bears another signature, because this was a presentation copy to the future president of Yale, to "Professor [Noah] Porter from his friend N[athan] C[ooley] Keep" (*middle*) ... the future dean of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. This "Keep-sake" was published by Gay in 1847, the same year that Dr. Keep became the world's second "doctor-anaesthetist" to administer ether during childbirth. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.) George S. Bause, M.D., M.P.H., Honorary Curator, ASA's Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology, Park Ridge,

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