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ON THE OCCASION
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OF BERNARD BOLZANO

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Soll ich nun ferner auf diesem Wege, der mir der zuträglichste scheint, fortfahren können: so bestehet die einzige Gunst des Publicums, um die ich bitten muss, darin, dass man diese einzelne Abhandlungen ihres geringeren Umfanges wegen nicht übersehe, sondern sie vielmehr prüfe mit aller nur möglichen Strenge, die Resultate dieser Prüfung aber öffentlich kund machen wolle, damit, was vielleicht undeutlich gesagt ist, deutlicher erkläret, was ganz unrichtig ist, widerrufen werde, das Wahre und Richtige aber je eher je lieber zur allgemeinen Annahme gelange.

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If I am to continue in this way, which seems to me to be the most beneficial, then I ask the reader for one favour only: not to overlook the individual treatises because of their small extent, but to examine them with all the possible rigour, and to make the results of this examination generally known, so as to explain more clearly whatever perhaps may be obscure, to withdraw all that is quite incorrect, but to make all that is true and correct available to the wide public as soon as possible.

