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This Work is Dedicated,

AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR HIS HIGH ATTAINMENTS,

BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND GENERAL,

AND OF GRATITUDE FOR MUCH VALUABLE CLINICAL INSTRUCTION

AND FOR MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS,

BY HIS FRIEND AND FORMER PUPIL,

THE AUTHOR.

EDITOR'S NOTICE.

A LITTLE over two years ago the first American Edition of this work was given to the public. The Editor desires to express his sincere thanks to the medical journals and press which have so very kindly noticed his simple but practical suggestions, and to the many young practitioners and students who have signified their welcome of its issue. His additions to this are inclosed in [] brackets, and it is hoped that this little work—so valuable abroad—may be thought none the less of in its second American edition.

E. R. H.

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PREFACE.

THE object of this work is to give the student a few brief and practical directions respecting the management of ordinary cases of labor; and also to point out to him, in extraordinary cases, when and how he may act upon his own responsibility, and when he ought to send for assistance. It has been undertaken by the Author in accordance with a wish often expressed to him by his pupils, and is founded upon his experience of the wants of those who are commencing midwifery practice. The student is never placed in a more trying situation, nor has to incur a greater amount of responsibility, than when he is attending a difficult case of labor in a place remote from medical aid. Should this work serve to keep any, who may be so situated, from the opposite extremes