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Ideoque increpandæ sunt obstetrices, temerariæ et πολυπράγμονες,
— quæ moræ debitæ impatientes, — dum accelerare partum cupiunt, eun-
dem potius retardant. HARVEI Exercit.

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PREFACE.

In the tract which I venture to lay before the public, I have endeavoured to include what is practically useful,—and have therefore purposely avoided deviating into physiological speculations.

The description of the less frequent and less important diseases is omitted, which would have materially increased the size and price of the volume, both matters of consideration to a student, who has necessarily to procure many works on other, but not less important branches of his profession.

The omission of authorities in support of the opinions and practices advocated will not, I trust, be considered disrespectful to those who have contributed so much to the alleviation of human suffering; and if I have expressed opinions at variance with theirs, it is with deference to their judgment and esteem for their abilities.

In the description of the difficulties met with during parturition, I have endeavoured to be concise and explanatory, and equally so, in advising the

means best adapted to remove them, and these are so arranged, as to be of easy reference.

It is my intention, at some future period to republish the following pages in a larger form; in the mean time I trust they will be found condensed and useful to students and practitioners of midwifery, and shall feel amply compensated by knowing, that through their means, I have been instrumental in any one instance, in mitigating the sufferings which fall on the weakest and most interesting part of creation.

*Jewin Street,
Aldersgate Street.*

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