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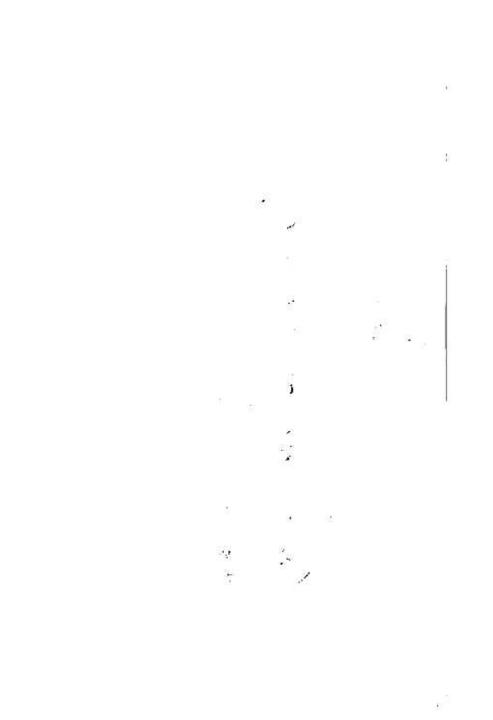
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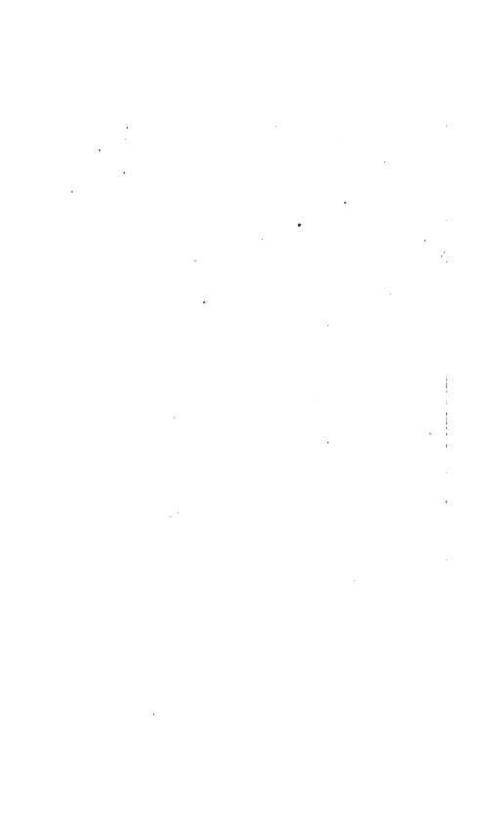
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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION.

MIDWIVES occupy very different positions on the Continent and in Great Britain. they are expected to fulfil all the duties of an accoucheur, and to perform the various obstetrical operations; here, their sphere is limited to the lower classes, and their duty, to attending upon ordinary labor. Accordingly, their educational preparation affords as striking a contrast as their duties. On the Continent. they are thoroughly taught their duties, lectures are delivered to them, and, in some parts, books are published for them by authority. France, as we all know, two valuable works are the production of midwives. In these countries, I believe, little has been done to carry them beyond the merest rudimentary knowledge, even when that is attempted; few lectures are given to them, and they have no suitable text-book. I fear that many, if not most, of our midwives begin practice with no other qualification than that of having had