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## Original Contributions.

### ADDRESS IN OBSTETRICS.\*

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#### THE TEACHING OF OBSTETRICS.

MAY I be permitted, before entering on the subject proper of this address, to make a brief reference to the addresses delivered by my predecessors? They are few in number, and appear to have been given only on exceptional occasions.

That this should be one of those special occasions has been wisely determined by the Council of the Association, and they have placed on me the responsibility of endeavoring to make some adequate use of the opportunities which such an occasion affords.

The first, and in some respects one of the most interesting of these addresses was given at the thirty-first annual meeting of the Association, held at Bristol in 1863, by Dr. J. G. Swayne, Physician-Accoucheur to the Bristol General Hospital, and Lecturer on Midwifery at the Bristol Medical School. It is recorded in Vol. II. of the *British Medical Journal* of that year, p. 178, and it will be noticed that of the many subjects discussed in this address, the obstetric use of chloroform, version of cases of obstructed labor, the treatment of placenta praevia, Caesarean section, blood-letting and chloroform in puerperal convulsions, the nature of thrombosis and of phlegmasia dolens, and the operation of ovariotomy, almost all are still matters under discussion.

As regards the obstetric use of chloroform, he says that although

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