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## Editorial.

### THE REGISTRATION OF MIDWIVES.

ON Wednesday, April 12th, the second reading of the Midwives' Bill was moved in the House of Commons by Mr. Tatton Egerton, who said that the subject was one of immense interest throughout the country. The Bill had, he believed, received the acceptance of the medical profession through the Conjoint Colleges, and had also been favourably received by the United County Councils' Corporation. He was followed by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, who was also of opinion that the measure was one of great importance, and for that reason urged that it could not receive full and adequate discussion at so late an hour. He believed that this Bill had met with vehement opposition on the part of a large and influential section of the medical profession. He also enquired what guarantee there was in this Bill that Midwives should be properly trained. After three or four months of perfunctory training, they would be allowed to take charge of cases which required the attention of a fully qualified medical practitioner, and the evils resulting from inexperienced attendance must ensue. Ultimately Mr. O'Connor moved the adjournment of the debate, as time would not admit of proper discussion, but the Speaker declined to accept this motion as in a few minutes the debate would be adjourned by rule.

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