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MIDWIFERY EDUCATION.

AS we go to press a resolution placed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, on Thursday, February 8th, and which caused a considerable amount of interest, beforehand, is being discussed. The resolution deals with the question of three months' midwives, and the certification of these women as competent by the London Obstetrical Society. The question is one which needs to be brought forward, and the Matrons' Council is the right body to deal with the matter, as it is the only professional Association of Superintendents of Training Schools in this country. The London Obstetrical Society has without doubt effected a certain amount of good in relation to midwifery training. In former days every Lying-in-Hospital defined its own standard of education, and certificated its nurses after a short and often most inadequate training, indeed the one month's experience of monthly nursing, and two months midwifery—in some cases all that was demanded—can scarcely be called by the name of training. The Obstetrical Society has at least established some uniformity in the standard required. It has organized for the Lying-in Hospitals, the independent examination which is

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