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Editorial.

OBSTETRIC NURSES.

HE proposals considered by the annual meeting of the Incorporated Medical Practitioners' Association, this week, concerning the education and control of Obstetric Nurses, will probably prove to be fraught with great benefits in the future, both to the public and to the Nursing profession. The important body of medical men in question has taken up a very definite and well considered attitude on what is known as Midwives' Registration, and it has drawn attention to the fact which has been too much obscured in many of the discussions that have taken place upon the subject, that it is the duty of all, who desire to prevent the harm which is done by midwives, to approach the discussion of reform on the broadest and most public-spirited lines. has shown that the evils caused by unqualified midwives are so great that they demand the institution of some remedy. It has expressed the opinion that legislation for midwives is unnecessary, because greater improvements could be made by semi-private and professional endeavours than could possibly be effected by the force of law. On the other hand, it has been most ably argued by the members of this Association that reforms should be made in the direction of better education and more complete control, rather than by ill-considered and hasty legislation, which might probably perpetuate the existence of the very evils which are previous page next page