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## Editorial.

### OBSTETRIC NURSES.

IN view of the position assumed by this Journal, and its recommendation that Midwives should be abolished, their places being taken by properly-trained Obstetric Nurses, it is a matter of great interest to us, as it will be to the whole Nursing profession, to observe that the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association has renamed the Bill for the Registration of Midwives which it has prepared—and which it originally launched under the title of the Midwifery Nurses' Bill—a Bill for the Registration of Obstetric Nurses.

We have, however, objected to, and shall continue to protest against, any attempt being made to legislate for one particular section of the Nursing profession independent of the others. We hold that Obstetric Nurses are as much a part of the Nursing calling as physicians and surgeons, as well as obstetricians, form sections of the medical profession; and that, as it would be ridiculous to legislate for one class of medical men independently of others, so it is illogical and would be doomed to failure if one section of Nurses were registered, to the exclusion of their fellow-workers. To some extent, these remarks apply to a very valuable Bill—which has been drafted by Dr. Rentoul, of Liverpool, in conjunction with a number of eminent medical

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