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Editorial.

MIDWIFERY LEGISLATION.

WHEN Parliament reassembles, early in the New Year, it is proposed by those who advocate legislation for midwives to bring forward the subject once more, and, they are hopeful that the measure which they support may become a Government one. It is necessary, therefore, to review the position adopted by those who are chiefly concerned in the endeavour to obtain this legislation.

The campaign began with the avowed purpose of obtaining the legal Registration of Midwives. The Association which is working for legislation still bears evidence of this in its title—the "Association for Promoting the Compulsory Registration of Midwives." But, though the name is retained, the essential point is no longer insisted upon; for this Association, as well as the Midwives' Institute, which is represented on the Midwives Bill Committee by Miss Rosalind Paget, has conceded the principle involved. They no longer demand Registration for midwives, but support a scheme for licensing them. This change of front may have been adopted as a matter of expediency, and in response to pressure brought to bear by medical bodies, but midwives must face the fact that the result is most

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