

until the governor, conquered by so much heroism, ordered the doors to be opened to her. Among all the stories of Christian charity this one deserves to be inscribed in letters of gold."

(To be continued.)

### NURSING ECHOES.

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WE are asked to insert certain important Resolutions passed against the Midwives' Bill which



have been sent to us. It is very noteworthy how strongly the tide of Medical opinion is rising against the ridiculous details of this measure, and we have received the most flattering letters from a large number of medical men all over the country for our action in the matter. It is recognised that this Journal was the first to call attention to the Bill introduced into the House of Commons last year, and to point out the great dangers both to the public and to medical men involved in its provisions. We stood quite alone in our opinion then; just as we stood alone at first in our unqualified condemnation of the scandals perpetrated at the London Hospital.

WE do not boast of our action, for in each case we have simply done what we believed to be our duty. But it is always satisfactory to any human being to be able to say, "I told you so," and it is especially gratifying to a journalist who has, in the face of opprobrium and opposition even from his friends, taken up a decided position, to be able to show that his views have been generally accepted, and his independent action applauded. We thank our many kind correspondents for their commendation, and we are glad to know that they are carrying out more forcibly than we could do the opposition to this mischievous measure—this typical piece of "meddlesome midwifery." And we commend the result in this case to those who imagine we are wrong in demanding reform at the London Hospital. We tell them that, whether single-handed or assisted by others, we shall secure the reforms we demand.

THE British Gynæcological Society has held two special meetings for the discussion of the Midwives' Bill (Amended). A paper was read by Dr.

Aveling, explaining its provisions and the need for legislation, and concluding with a Resolution of approval. This was seconded by Dr. Barnes, and supported by Mr. Fell Pease, M.P., Mr. Rahtbone, M.P., Mr. Pritchard Morgan, M.P., Dr. Farquharson, M.P., and Sir W. B. Foster, M.P. Dr. Mansell-Moullin moved an Amendment disapproving of the Bill *in toto*, and this was seconded by Dr. Rentoul, of Liverpool. The discussion was then adjourned, on the motion of Dr. Lovell Drage, of Hatfield. At the second meeting Dr. Drage strongly denounced the Bill; a letter of approval of it from Mr. Fitzgerald was read.

"Dr. Macnaughton Jones then moved a second Amendment opposing the Bill, but recognising the great necessity which existed for improvement in the education and control of Midwives. This was seconded by Dr. Edis, and strongly supported by Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Dr. Bantock, Dr. Mackenzie, Dr. Woods, Dr. Brown, and other speakers, who proved conclusively that every improvement which was necessary could be obtained without this Bill, and that the present Bill would actually prevent many such improvements being made. It was also pointed out by several speakers that the facts and figures advanced in support of the Bill would not bear the slightest scrutiny, and were absolutely fallacious.

"Finally Dr. Aveling withdrew his Resolution, and that of Dr. Macnaughton Jones was put to the meeting and carried unanimously and with prolonged acclamation. The significance of this will be realised when it is explained that Dr. Aveling was one of the Founders, and is one of the most respected Fellows, of the British Gynæcological Society, and that he is known to be the prime mover in, and promoter of, the Midwives' Bill. The Society took the unique step of throwing its meeting open to medical men who were not Fellows in order to give them an opportunity of expressing their views on a question so vitally affecting general practitioners. That such a meeting under the auspices of one of the chief London Medical Societies should have so unanimously objected to the Bill, has naturally created a very considerable sensation in medical circles, and will, doubtless, have no small effect on the House of Commons."

"At a Meeting of the Council of the Irish Medical Schools and Graduates' Association specially convened to consider the Midwives' Registration Bill, and held on December 11, it was proposed by the Chairman of Council, seconded by Dr. Douglas Lithgow, and resolved: (1) That the

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