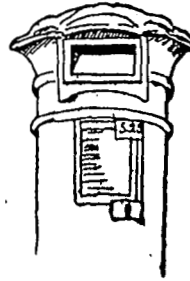


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☛ "Obstetric Nursing" is unavoidably held over until next week.



Letters to the Editor.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

THE THREATENED DECADENCE OF OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—The latest fad is, that the practice of Midwifery should revert to that low estate which it occupied when Fielding Ould, Denman, Simpson, Barnes, and others stepped in and rescued it from quacks and midwives. Surgery has emancipated itself from the company of the barber and bonesetter, while Medicine has shook herself free from the society of the drug vendor and herbalist. Other learned callings also have escaped from old and evil associations. Why, then, is it proposed that a new order of Midwifery Practitioners should be established. Would the proposal for the formation of an inferior order of the Clergy, or of Barristers, or Solicitors be tolerated? What would Physicians or Surgeons say if it were proposed to form an inferior order of Physicians or Surgeons, to grant a diploma to all unqualified Practitioners, Herbalists, Bonesetters, and such like? Why, then, is it proposed that Midwifery should take a retrograde step? And if this is necessary for Mid-

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