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# LYING-IN INSTITUTIONS.

TOGETHER WITH

A PROPOSAL FOR  
ORGANISING AN INSTITUTION FOR TRAINING MIDWIVES  
AND MIDWIFERY NURSES.

BY

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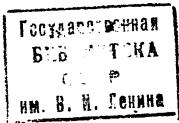
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IF I may dedicate, without ‘permission,’ these small  
‘Notes’ to the shade of Socrates’ Mother, may  
I likewise, without presumption, call to my help the  
questioning shade of her Son, that I who write may  
have the spirit of questioning aright, and that those  
who read may learn not of me but of themselves ?

And, further, has he not said: ‘The midwives are  
respectable women, and have a character to lose’?