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OUR ALBUM.



H.R.H. Princess Christian, President of the British Nurses' Association.

EDITORIAL.

OUR space did not permit us to conclude, last week, the remarks we then desired to make about the British Nurses' Association. We specially wish, now, to answer the questions which have been asked in our columns by a well-known Provincial Surgeon, on behalf of his Nurses—(1) Will the status of Nurses, who join the Nurses' Association now, be the same, in the eyes of the profession and the public, as that held by those who join later, when examination is compulsory upon all? (2) Can those Nurses who join now, subsequently present themselves for examination?

Now, from information courteously and freely supplied to us by the chief workers in the British Nurses' Association, we are able to reply to these inquiries thus. There is not any idea of membership of the Association being obtainable by direct examination. Any woman who has worked for three years as a Nurse to the sick, whether originally trained or not, can, until the last day of this year, make application for membership. If the testimonials of personal character and professional knowledge which she produces be considered satisfactory by the Executive Committee, she will be duly elected a member. After the end of this year, probably, some more or less lengthy period of Hospital training will be requisite; after the Charter legalising Registration has been granted, it is almost certain that no Nurse who is not Registered will be eligible to become a Member of the Association.

The primal mistake, into which so many of our correspondents seem to fall, is that membership of the Association means Registration as a Trained Nurse, quite forgetting the fact that a large number of Members are distinguished Physicians and Surgeons, who naturally are not likely to aspire to this distinction. The two things, of course, are entirely and totally apart, the one from the other. Members of the British Association for the

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