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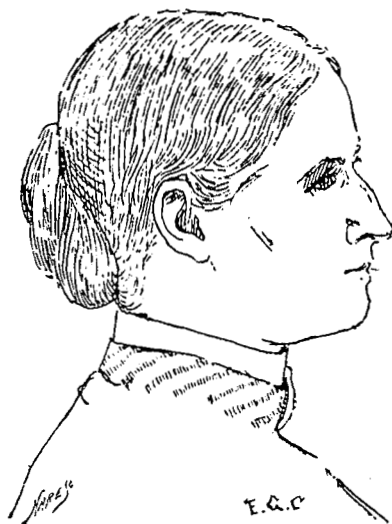
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OUR ALBUM.



MISS ALICE DANNATT.

EDITORIAL.

IN our consideration of the important subject of a Nurse's training, we last week deduced, from the course pursued in the analogous cases of Medical and Legal Students, the probability that, sooner or later, some form of preliminary examination would be enforced upon all women desirous of becoming regularly Trained and Certificated Nurses. But, presuming now that this ordeal has been passed, what does history seem to teach as to the probable course of study through which the successful candidate will next have to pass?

To realise this, we must first consider the position which, in the new order of things, Nursing Schools will occupy. Perhaps some of our readers think—as one of our correspondents certainly does—that we are visionary dreamers, and are discussing chimerical and impracticable schemes, or at least things pertaining to a far distant future. We should not be much surprised if many take this view of our remarks, for we believe that very few people have any conception of the revolution in Nursing matters which is now most imminent. As students of history, and knowing what has been at once effected in other callings and trades by the organised union and united action of their members, we recognised that the day which saw the British Nurses' Association founded, marked the commencement of an entirely new era for English Nursing. The very virulence with which it has been attacked, proves that the future potency of that Association is dreaded by those who, for their own ends, would keep things as they have hitherto been. The very rapidity of its progress only once more exemplifies the success which, from the dawn of creation, has ever followed similar combinations of men. And when we learnt the programme of the Association, and realised its high aims, we immediately foresaw that it would escape the mistakes which, fifty years ago, retarded for so long the beneficent action of

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