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## EDITORIAL.

OUR readers will remember that, in the consideration we have given to the subject of Nursing education, we have now arrived at certain definite conclusions, not only of what would be beneficial, but also of what is likely to come to pass. We have pointed out the probability that a Preliminary Examination in general educational subjects will be instituted, and must be passed by every would-be Nurse before she can commence her Hospital training. We have been asked whether we think that this examination will be enforced on those who are already engaged in Nursing work, to which of course we reply in the negative. For it is a well-known axiom that no new regulations can be made retrospective, but can only affect those who come within their sphere after they are instituted. So the Preliminary Examination for Nurses will clearly only concern those who have not commenced their Hospital training before the test comes into force.

In reply to other inquiries on this subject, we imagine that just as a Medical Student can pass his entrance examination either by Matriculating at a University, or by satisfying the College of Preceptors, or the Apothecaries' Hall, of his educational acquirements; so a Nursing Student in the future will be able to obtain her certificate from different bodies, and in various parts of the kingdom. We presume for example that the Senior Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations would be recognised as ample evidence on this matter.

Then, reasoning from history and analogy, we laid down the definite principles that a Nurse should receive the theoretical portion of her education as early as possible, that this should occupy the first year in fact of her training, and that her knowledge should then be tested by a Primary Examination in Elementary Anatomy, Physiology,

## OUR ALBUM.



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