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## EDITORIAL.

IT is an ancient saying that "History repeats itself," and yet it is a curious fact that it should be true. For it largely means that the lessons of experience are so lightly regarded, or such ineffectual monitors, that the same errors are repeated generation after generation, in undertaking after undertaking, and ever with the self-same natural consequences. In remarks which we have made about the British Nurses' Association, we have frequently felt called upon to notice with admiration the manner in which its managers have evidently profited by their knowledge of the past history of similar professional bodies, for they have cautiously avoided some specious snares of seeming advantage on the one hand, and made immediate declaration of bold enterprise upon the other. But of all the decisions to which the Association has come, we are fain to regard the announcement that the first Annual Meeting of Members will be held next month at Cambridge as one of the most undeniably wise.

Looking back for fifty years, we find the British Medical Association warmly debating the burning question as to whether its members should gather together annually in the Metropolis or in the provincial towns, and finally deciding that, as it was a national union of Medical men, it was but fit that its meetings should be held in every part of the kingdom, but for which just and right conclusion there is no doubt that the infant Association would have quickly died of sheer inanition. With regard to the sister profession of the Law, the teaching of history is still more definite. The Incorporated Law Society, founded in 1825, succeeded at once in drawing to itself members from every part of the country. But its meetings were always held in London, and no remonstrances were of the slightest avail in obtaining any recognition of the provinces. And so it came to pass that in 1844 a secession occurred, and the Metropolitan and Provincial Law Asso-

## OUR ALBUM.



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