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OUR ALBUM.



MISS ROSE STADDON.

EDITORIAL.

OUR readers may perchance be aware that, in the closing days of last session, notice was given that a Bill for the Registration of Midwives would be introduced into Parliament next year. We are not aware whether this is the identical Bill which was drafted about eight years ago, but has never yet received the attention of the Legislature, or whether it is an entirely different measure. We are so thoroughly in sympathy with those who desire Midwifery reform, that we believe we shall be advancing the cause they, and we, have equally at heart, if we can persuade them to divert their energies into another channel—to attempt to secure their ends by other than Parliamentary means.

We are led to refer to this because in our influential contemporary, the *Lancet*, there appeared last week a letter from Mrs. Nichol, who has used her utmost endeavours to arouse public opinion, and bring about professional action, upon this matter. She writes: "Though there are now many well-trained and certificated Midwives in practice, the uncertificated woman will continue to be employed to the great detriment of mothers and infants, and nothing but compulsory Registration—that is by Act of Parliament—will meet the case." Now we invite Mrs. Nichol and those ladies who have been working with her to reconsider this statement.

"The Midwives' Institute," she says, "has been quietly and steadily working towards this end (compulsory Registration) for the last eight years." Entirely at one with her wishes, we ask, as a matter of common-sense reasoning, what has been the result of the eight years' quiet and steady work? Is the Midwives' Institute a powerful and numerous body? or at least does it comprise a considerable majority of the "many well-trained and certificated Midwives"? We much regret that each question must be decidedly

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