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## Editorial.

### WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY NURSING.

THE subject of the Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries is one which deserves, and should receive, the most careful attention of all who are interested in the welfare of the sick poor. Great as are the reforms necessary in the Nursing departments of the majority of large general Hospitals, the need for improvement in the Poor Law Institutions is much more extreme. In the former, the value of good Nursing has, at least, been recognised, because it has been insisted upon by the leaders of the medical profession attached to these charities, and, to a considerable extent, therefore, advances both in the *personnel* and in the work of the Nursing staff have been easily made. But in the latter—and it must be remembered as an excuse for their shortcomings—such incentives to progress have been almost altogether absent. In the first place, the medical department of even the largest Workhouse Infirmaries consists of two or three resident doctors who have accepted the position in preference to engaging in the general practice of their profession; who, for the most part, have been appointed to their present, or to some similar post,

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