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## Editorial.

### WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY NURSING.—II.

IN the next place, there are, at present, some special drawbacks to the Nursing in our Poor Law Institutions which must be realised and, to some extent, removed, before these Infirmaries can hope to become popular, or even efficient, Training Schools. The absence of medical students obliterates at once the scientific interest imparted to the ordinary work of the wards by the continual teaching classes held for their benefit. The visits of the eminent physicians and surgeons attached to a General Hospital, the invaluable information as to the progress of disease or as to the cause of the various symptoms which are present, which their clinical lectures impart; the keen observation of changes in the physical condition of the patients which they require the Nursing staff to carry out and to accurately chronicle; the differences in ages and grades of the inmates, and the immense variety of their complaints; these all tend to make the Nurse's work in such a Hospital most interesting, even if very arduous and responsible. And, as we have shown, most of these incentives to advance are absent in the case of those who tend the sick in Workhouse Infirmaries, where the patients

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