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Editorial.

WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY NURSING.

THE valuable Paper which was read by Miss MOLLETT before the recent meeting of the Matrons' Council, and which we published in our columns last week, was thoroughly deserving of the animated discussion by which it was followed, and of which we give this week a condensed report. There are two or three questions which arise out of this Paper, and to which we cannot but think more attention would have been directed had there been more time available for discussion.

It certainly has not yet been fully recognised, even by those who have taken the most active part in the institution of reforms in Poor Law Infirmarys, that events are, in these places, following a natural course of evolution; and just as was the case in the General Hospitals of this country, so it is clear will be the progress of improvements in the Workhouse Infirmarys of the United Kingdom. It should be a very encouraging thought for those who have done so much and worked so hard in this field, to realise that one of the great laws of nature is on their side, and that whatever may happen, it is, at any rate, certain that the evolution which has commenced will continue upon the lines of its natural development until its destiny is worked out. What that progress will be, it is more easy to understand from the events which have transpired in General Hospitals. There supply has followed the demand—for more efficient workers, and as soon as the conditions of the Nursing department were

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