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## Editorial.

### NURSING INSPECTORS.

THE careful consideration which we have given to the organisation of the Nursing department in Infirmaries has led us to a conclusion which may appear novel to many of our readers, but which, if carried into effect, would, we believe, be productive of benefit alike to Nurses and to the sick paupers in all Poor Law institutions. At present we have to remember that the regulations under which Nurses work in the great majority of Workhouse Infirmaries are almost precisely those which were in force a quarter of a century ago, when the usefulness of, not to say the necessity for, skilled Nursing in sickness was hardly realised. The consequence is that when a trained Nurse leaves a General Hospital and passes into the service of the Poor Law, she finds every condition of her duties different from those to which she has been accustomed. The relations between her work and that of the medical officer, which her Hospital experience led her to rightly estimate, are, she finds, altogether ignored in her new sphere of duty; and the consequence has been not only that many excellent Matrons have found it impossible to continue to serve in Workhouse Infirmaries, but their failure has also deterred others from attempting to occupy a similar position. The consequence has naturally been that the best class of trained Nurses have hitherto rather avoided Infirmary appointments; we believe to their own disadvantage,

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