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Editorial.

IRISH WORKHOUSE INFIRMARIES.

THE necessity for reform in Workhouse Infirmaries in England has been frequently urged in these columns, and has been emphasised by the able reports made for, and published in, the *British Medical Journal*. But, at any rate, in this country we may say that the need for improvement has been recognised, and the excellent results which have followed the careful and energetic work of the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association proves both that this need has received public attention, and that some measure of success has already been attained in this direction. The reports published by our contemporary concerning the Workhouse Infirmaries in Ireland show, however, not only that the need for Nursing reform is even greater across St. George's Channel than in this country, but also that the existence of the need has not yet been thoroughly realised in Ireland, nor efforts made to secure the institution of the necessary improvements.

It must, however, in strict justice be remembered that Ireland exhibits an amount of destitution which can hardly be equalled in any other portion of the United Kingdom. The standard of comfort amongst the Irish

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