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WORKHOUSE NURSING.

ONE of the most important steps which has ever been taken by the Government of this country for the protection of the sick was made last month. The Local Government Board issued a General Order respecting the Nursing in workhouses, on August 6th, which we published last week. It is impossible to exaggerate its importance to nurses, as well as to the public. For many months, we have been calling attention to the numerous and grave scandals connected with the management of Workhouse Infirmaries; and, therefore, it affords us the most sincere pleasure to observe that reform has not only been commenced, but that this has been based on such broad lines as to afford every hope that the Government is determined to inaugurate a proper and efficient system of nursing in the great State Hospitals in future.

It will be observed that this Order is to come into force and take effect from the last day of this month, which must hereafter be regarded as the birthday of a modern system of nursing in the Poor Law Infirmaries of the Kingdom.

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