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Editorial.

WORKHOUSE NURSING.

AN interesting article, which recently appeared in the *Times*, on the subject of London Workhouses, has elicited a useful letter to our contemporary from the Chairman of the Northern Workhouse Nursing Association. As our readers are aware, we lately reported the decision at which the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association had arrived, to cease its working. This course was certainly rendered excusable by the immense difficulties with which the Association had to deal, although, as a matter of principle, "giving in" is not a procedure with which we have much sympathy. The correspondent of our contemporary states that, not only has the Northern Association no intention of following the example of the parent association, but that it will endeavour, as far as possible, to extend its present more local work all over England, a decision which we receive with much pleasure.

It is beyond all doubt that one of the great difficulties of the work is, as Mr. Rhodes truly says, "that the reason why the supply of nurses is not equal to the demand is not so much because the number is not sufficient

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