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## Editorial.

### WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY NURSING.

THE difficulty of procuring suitable and efficient nurses for workhouse infirmaries was once more emphasised at the Central Poor Law Conference. It was held by many of those present that a solution of the difficulty was to offer a good salary and comfortable surroundings, and that, given these, there would be no dearth of nurses. But we do not think that the question of salary is the main point at issue, or that the present difficulty can be met by dealing with this question. Many Boards of Guardians who offer good salaries find a difficulty in obtaining the right class of women, and indeed the chief difficulty which trained and competent superintendents frequently encounter, in the position of head of the nursing department of workhouse wards, is the impossibility of maintaining any discipline over the ignorant, loud tongued, and abusive women who are placed in positions of great authority as charge nurses. Women who are drawn from the ranks of the lowest factory class, or who are unsuited for domestic service, are still to be found in such posts. They draw salaries which they would command in no other position, and upon which, therefore we do not hesitate to say that the ratepayers' money is wasted. They lie in bed in the morning after the time when they should be on duty, requiring paupers to make and take to them an early cup of tea, and the same paupers are also obliged to do a considerable amount of

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