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### EDITORIAL.

THE Quarterly Court of Governors of the London Hospital, held on the 4th inst., appears to have been a considerable improvement upon its most recent predecessors, and certainly to have been more orderly than the bear-garden performance which was enacted at the December meeting. In another column we give a quotation from our contemporary, the *Pall Mall Gazette*, which proves that we are not alone in our denunciation of the scandals at this great Institution, and that there is at least one other organ in the English Press which is not afraid to express its mind on cruelty and wrong, on injustice and fraud, even when these are practised by a Charity.

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The improvement to which we refer consisted in permitting a lady Governor to speak without attempting to howl her down, and in allowing other Governors the opportunity of speaking at all. Mrs. ROBERT HUNTER, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. YATMAN seem to have availed themselves of this very pleasurable change, and to have expressed their views as to the necessity for reform in the Nursing Department with much moderation, but considerable emphasis. And, if any further proofs were needed of the urgent necessity for improvement, the report of the House Committee would abundantly supply them. Our readers will remember that it was stated by the Hospital authorities, with much complacency, before the Select Committee of the House of Lords, that there had never been an appeal from a Nurse dismissed by the Matron. From which fact the authorities argued, despite the scathing sarcasm of some of their lordships' questions, that there could not possibly be any injustice wrought by the system in vogue. A dim glimmering doubt appears at last to have permeated their minds, and we learn that the Governors were informed that a Nurse having been dismissed by the Matron during the past quarter, the Committee had interviewed her, and given her the opportunity of defending herself. And for this small mercy and protection, devout gratitude may be expressed. We earnestly trust that the next step in this direction will be the appointment of a Nursing Committee, as Mrs. HUNTER suggested, to which the entire control of the department should be confided, and upon which a certain number of lady Governors should certainly be elected. Other

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