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**Editorial.**

**UNCLE PUMBLEHOOK AGAIN.**

ONCE more, our contemporaries have detailed a *fiasco* in which prominently appears the name of Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT. We would not accord this fact more than a passing notice, were it not advisable, at this juncture, to bring before our readers the precise position of a very important scheme of which, otherwise, they may not become informed. We reported, last week, in our HOSPITAL WORLD Supplement, the proceedings at the Conference of Hospital delegates and others, held to discuss the Report of the Committee appointed last autumn to consider the advisability of forming a Central Hospital Board for the Metropolis. It appears that this Committee—to quote the scathingly sarcastic words of the *British Medical Journal*—"delegated its functions to a sub-committee of four, to which dignity was contributed by the names of Lord SANDHURST and Sir ANDREW CLARK, and of which Messrs. BURDETT and DIGGLE were the working members," our contemporary clearly opining that some other word than "dignity" was requisite to describe one part of the personal contribution. The scheme which the Sub-Committee suggested was so entirely different from the statesman-like proposals which emanated from Lord SANDHURST last year, that we and others

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