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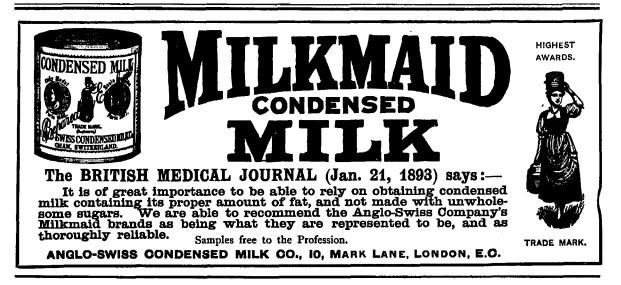


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Editorial.

HOSPITAL HONOUR.

HIS is a subject which has recently been forced upon public attention by the proceedings of the authorities of an important Hospital. How should an Institution act, or in other words, how should its managers comport themselves, when they are charged with mismanagement, in any It appears to us that the right shape? answer to this question would be found in the course of action which would naturally be expected from any individual member of the committee of management, were similar charges made personally against himself. In that case, just as, we presume, he would take immediate steps to defend himself, and to prove the aspersions upon his character untrue, it might be expected that a number of gentlemen, collectively assailed, would desire to adopt a similar procedure. To take a concrete case, let us imagine that one member of the committee was personally accused of

maladministration of an estate of which he was the trustee. He would naturally take immediate steps to clear himself from the charge. The Committee of a public institution, we contend, occupy precisely the same position, because they are trustees of the benevolent for the proper expenditure of monies entrusted to them for specific objects. If they are, as a body, charged with permitting those monies to be wasted, or even extravagantly expended, the natural expectation would be, that they would regard such a charge as a most serious imputation upon them not only collectively, but individually, and that they would seek, nay, that they would demand, that the charges publicly made should be publicly investigated. This argument, of course, proceeds on the assumption that both the individual and the committee would be conscious of their innocence and rectitude. If either the one or the other felt any suspicion that the charges might be proved to be true, it is conceivable that they would make no attempt to obtain such an inquiry, nay, that they would even attempt to prevent any investigation being made into the matter.



