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## Editorial.

SELECTION BY SECT.

VERY important and instructive correspondence was published last week, in our contemporary Truth, which we reprint in another column this week. From this it appears that a lady, who applied to a well-known Metropolitan Hospital for admission into that Institution as a Probationer received from its acting Matron a letter asking if she was a Unitarian, and stating that in such an event the candidate would be ineligible for the appointment which she sought. To this, the lady replied in the affirmative, but somewhat warmly expressed surprise that her religious views should have any influence in determining her eligibility for the work of This letter was answered, apparently, on behalf of the Committee, by the acting-Matron, stating that the fact of the candidate being a Unitarian was no bar, but that "the tone" of her letter (when refused admission on the ground that she was a Unitarian) made the Matron fear that she was not suitable for admission. Our contemporary while publishing the correspondence, and a subsequent intimation from the Committee, stating that they upheld their official, but that under ordinary circumstances they did not approve of the exclusion of a candidate solely on religious grounds—quite justly remarks upon the mistake which had been made in thus refusing admission to the lady in question, on account of her religious convictions, and then, alternatively, on the ground of "the tone" of her remonstrances. An injustice has clearly been done to this lady, and we do not consider that she should have been punished for protesting against the spirit of "intolerance" which prompted it previous page next page