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Editorial.

A CENTRAL HOSPITAL BOARD.

THE suggestion which was advanced by the Select Committee of the House of Lords which inquired into the management of Metropolitan Hospitals in 1890 and 1891, that there should be a Central Hospital Board for London, is once more arousing considerable public and professional interest. It may be remembered that this proposal, in which Lord Sandhurst took the most active interest, met with an unfavourable reception in 1892, and has since remained more or less dormant. The Charity Organisation Society, by whose agency the inquiry of the Select Committee was really brought about, has now, however, actively raised this question of Hospital organisation, again. It has suggested that a Board should be formed, consisting of about 169 members as representatives of all the various interests involved—and, so far as we can judge, of other parties who have no direct interest in the matter at all.

The matter is of the greatest importance to Nurses, because the management of Hospitals is, nowadays, identified in the closest possible manner with the organisation of their Training Schools, and therefore with the con-

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