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Editorial.

A MIDDLE-CLASS HOSPITAL.

CONSIDERABLE attention has recently been given by our medical contemporaries to a proposal to establish in London a special hospital for middle class patients; and, with the exception of *The Medical Times*, our contemporaries have discussed the matter as though this were a novel scheme.

The suggestion is based upon the assumption that a special institution is required in order to provide accommodation for persons able to afford moderate charges for board, lodging, and nursing in time of sickness. The proposers of the scheme in question state that "for such classes, London, with its boundless charities, has as yet made no provision; for between from five to ten guineas per week for private accommodation in an ordinary hospital or private home, or having recourse to the common ward, so repugnant to people of independent spirit, there is at present practically no alternative."

They, therefore, appeal to the charitable to provide sufficient funds to commence this scheme, expressing their conviction that, once started, it would be self-supporting; but it is

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