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Editorial.

HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT.—III.

OUR contention, last week, that, in consequence of the inability of most Hospital Committees to understand the very technical details of the working of the Institutions which they are supposed to manage, the real control may possibly fall into the hands of subordinate officers, has been challenged by a correspondent as “impossible of proof or even of occurrence.” We never make a statement in these columns, which we are not prepared to give chapter and verse for, if necessary, and consequently we refer our correspondent, who is pleased to be “Indignant,” to paragraph 560, page 193, of the Third Report of the Select Committee of the House of Lords on Metropolitan Hospitals, when he will find the following conclusion expressed in

relation to the management of the London Hospital:—“The Committee consider that the difficulties would have been avoided had the governing Board, in charge of the Hospital at that time, not allowed their authority to fall into the hands of salaried officers.” It will be scarcely denied that what has occurred in the case of the largest Hospital in the country, may certainly happen in smaller Institutions. The conclusion to which we are therefore impelled, is, that for the benefit of the Charity and its work, the professional element should be largely represented upon the Committee of Management of every Hospital; that a certain number of members of the medical staff should be ex-officio members of the Committee, and that ladies well versed in domestic management, and others who have been trained as Nurses, should also form part of every Hospital Board. It is impossible to estimate the usefulness of sensible, experienced women in such positions, and it is easy to predict that so soon as one important Hospital makes the experiment, the advantages of having ladies on a Committee which has to control large bodies of women, will become so obvious, that the example will be speedily and widely imitated.

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