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Editorial.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL AGAIN.—I.

OUR readers are well aware of the position which we have, for three years past, consistently and constantly adopted with regard to the mismanagement of the London Hospital. As we have, on various previous occasions, explained, the revelations made before the Lords' Committee in July, 1890, convinced us that a crisis in the histories of our Hospitals had arrived, and that it behoved all who were interested in the welfare and the future well-being of these great Institutions to take one or other of the only two possible courses. Before then, it had been possible to hope that, in due course, reforms which were known to be necessary in many Charities would gradually and quietly be enforced, without public attention being drawn to the matter. But when the charges against the London Hospital were publicly made, on oath, by responsible and disinterested persons, to a Select Committee of the House of Lords, the parting of the ways had come. It was, then, at once, essential either to deny or to admit that the charges were true, and, in the latter event, to make the necessary alterations. It was common knowledge, in professional circles, that the statements made against the Nursing De-

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