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Editorial.

THE HOSPITAL FUND.

T has occasioned us considerable surprise to find that even our medical contemporaries have not commented upon the aspects of the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund to which we deemed it our duty to allude last week, and which are attracting such great attention. We take it to be the first duty of the Press to be in all public matters unbiassed and impartial, and the points to which we referred last week are being so widely discussed in the Hospital world that we think it would have been better if our contemporaries had frankly and fully expressed their views concerning them. The point which we deferred for consideration this week—the present and prospective power of the Committee of the Fund over the Metropolitan Hospitalsis one which must have been at once apparent to every hospital manager, and yet it would appear that its importance has not been understood by the public.

It must be obvious, however, that when, on the one hand, there are certain hospitals almost constantly impecunious, almost incessantly appealing for additional funds, and in previous page next page