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Editorial.

A HOSPITAL EXPERT!

THOSE who are behind the scenes in the hospital world must have been much amused if they read the report of a special meeting of Governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, which was recently held; and the object of which was to consider the recommendations made by a special Committee appointed some time ago to consider the financial condition of that Hospital.

It appears that for some reason this Conmittee requested Sir Henry Burdett to give them his opinion upon the system of management of the Institution; and it was generally understood that the recommendations of the Committee were based upon the report made by that gentleman. The first recommendation of the Committee practically advocated a radical alteration in the present methods of administration. The reasons advanced for this sweeping change appear to be singularly feeble and inconclusive; the reasons against it were weighty; but it cannot be contended that the proposal was adequately debated. The discussion largely hinged upon the personal capacity of Sir Henry Burdett, and several speakers urged that he was by no means a

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