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## Editorial.

A GRUESOME JOURNEY.

AROCHIAL Government in Marylebone is proverbially inefficient. The parish is a bye-word for bad paving, bad lighting, bad cleansing; week after week they have to complain of the manner in which the dust contractors perform their duty, remnants of decomposing vegetables, rotten eggs, and other refuse, indicating plainly the course which the cart for the removal of rubbish is pursuing round the parish. The latest scandal must therefore be considered as part of the general mismanagement. The facts, as elicited at the Coroner's inquest, and which have been widely commented on in the daily press, are as follows:-

A patient suffering from bronchitis was ordered into the North Kensington Infirmary, and an ambulance was sent for him. There was no attendant besides the youth who was driving. The patient being a heavy man, it was impossible for this young man to lift him, and a passer by was pressed into the service. Eventually the patient was placed on the stretcher; but on the steps the driver slipped, and the sick man was shaken, though he did not fall as he was strapped to the stretcher. His wife went with him in the ambulance, and reports that it shook "something dreadfully" going over the stones; it shook her husband from right to left, and he turned blue in the face. She begged the driver to go slowly, "as it was killing him," and got him to buy some

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