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Editorial.

THE CLOSE SEASON.

THE hardship entailed by closing hospitals during the holiday season is one to which we have had occasion to draw attention more than once. At an inquest held last week by Mr. Walter Schroder at the Marylebone Coroner's Court, the fact was brought out that St. Mary's Hospital has been closed since July 8th, and will remain closed until the 8th of next month. The inquiry was into the cause of death of a man who died in the Middlesex Hospital, being admitted after an injury caused by a cart passing over his left arm and hip. It was stated by a witness named Marks, who took the deceased man to St. Mary's Hospital after the accident, that "the doctors demurred at admitting him, and said the hospital was closed. After some consultation deceased was admitted to the casualty ward, where his arm was strapped. Witness went back to get deceased's coat, and on returning found that the hospital authorities had 'allowed deceased to wander from the waiting room into the street.' Witness could not find him and went in search of him. He discovered him near the Lock Bridge in a pitiable condition, and took him to Middlesex Hospital."

A house-surgeon at the Middlesex Hospital gave evidence as to the man's admission to

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