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EDITORIAL.

THE Committee of the London Hospital has of its own free will placed itself far above and beyond all chance either of imitation or of envy on the part of any other similar body of men. In the first instance, when its attention was privately drawn to scandals occurring in its administration it blandly declined to open its eyes. When a few of these were brought before the public it closed its eyes tighter than ever; but opened its mouth, and called heaven and earth to witness the impiousness of the objectors to anything it was pleased to permit. This calm assumption of divine infallibility naturally aroused so much ridicule, especially amongst those obtuse enough to assert that the London Hospital was a public Institution, and its Committee merely

ordinary human beings delegated to administer it on behalf of its Governors and subscribers, that the first outcry died suddenly away. Then a notorious professional philanthropist arose to aid the Committee, and taught these worthy gentlemen the old-fashioned artifice of drawing a red herring across the scent. They were instructed not to deny the accusations—because that would be very difficult—but to proclaim instead, far and wide, that these were only made in the hope of damaging the Hospital. At first the manœuvre undoubtedly succeeded, but as the *bona fides* and entire independence of Mr. and Miss YATMAN, Mr. and Mrs. HUNTER, were proved beyond all doubt, this little piece of strategy also collapsed. The accusations were put into definite shape, and the *Pall Mall Gazette*, to its infinite credit, took up the matter. The Committee immediately sat up, but still custom was too strong, and it steadfastly declined to see what was, and had been, going on under its management. After fencing and shuffling, and declining again and again to make any inquiry, it was compelled at last to pretend to do so. On October 14th it appointed three of its number to investigate "five allegations," quietly ignoring all the many scandalous facts revealed before the Lords' Committee. These three gentlemen, we are informed on good authority, consented to meet Mr. and Mrs. HUNTER and Mr. and Miss YATMAN, and gave them rather more than an hour of their invaluable time at the end of November—that is to say, after six weeks' investigation of the subject which these ladies and gentlemen had brought before the public. Now the public will wish, in the first place, to know how this inquiry has been conducted and who have been the witnesses examined. We can hardly credit it, but we are informed on good authority that beyond this one hour's conference with Miss YATMAN and her friends, no other of the witnesses against the Hospital were seen at all. In fact, it is clear that this inquiry has been the merest make-believe, because entirely and totally one-sided, and that side the inquisitors' own. We

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