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## EDITORIAL.

### THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, GLASGOW.—III.

WE commented, last week, upon the letter addressed to the *North British Daily Mail*, by Mr. McEwen, with reference to the scandals in the Nursing Department of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. We greatly regret the publication of this epistle, because it has undoubtedly tended to deepen the distrust which has been excited in the public mind, by the attitude assumed by the managers of the Infirmary.

It is now nearly seven weeks since the decided stand taken by the medical men and Nurses of the Institution compelled the authorities to institute some inquiry; but we maintain that a wrong commencement was made when the managers constituted themselves the inquisitors. As a matter of principle, we object to an accused body pretending to sit in judgment upon itself, for such a proceeding is contrary to every principle of law or even of common sense. We therefore, objected to the so-called inquiry, held by the Committee of the London Hospital, into the charges brought against itself, and now traverse the similar action taken by the managers of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. We insist that the accused should always have the most complete opportunity afforded to them of making their defence, but to make the defendants their own judge and jury is indefensible. For it must be clearly understood that the managers of the Royal Infirmary are upon their trial; that they

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