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EDITORIAL.

OUR contemporary, *The Hospital*, has recently called attention to certain important evidence given by Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK, before the Select Committee of the House of Lords inquiring into the management of Metropolitan Hospitals. This matter might have escaped our notice, so we take this opportunity of tendering our thanks to our contemporary for directing public attention to it. From former experience, however, we did not imagine that *The Hospital* would state the whole truth, and we, therefore, made inquiries into the matter, and shall now have the pleasure of acquainting

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our readers with the real facts of the case, which, with characteristic caution, our contemporary has omitted to expound.

The Hospital quotes at considerable length various questions put by the Select Committee, which conclusively show the keen interest which several noble lords feel in the question of Registration, and also the answers to these questions, which prove the readiness and frankness with which DR. FENWICK gave the desired information. But Nurses will be as amused and as little surprised as we were, to learn that our contemporary has quietly neglected to make public both the reason assigned by DR. FENWICK for desiring to give evidence at all, and the greater part of the evidence which he gave. So extremely damaging was this, however, that we are not astonished at the Editor of *The Hospital's* obvious desire to keep the readers of this paper in partial darkness, although we cannot but think that under the circumstances he would have been more wise not to have drawn attention at all to the matter. *The Hospital* has, moreover, quite forgotten to state several important facts. On July 4, it appears that Mr. Burdett was examined by the Committee, and when the Blue Book is issued, we advise our readers to obtain a copy, and read his evidence, because it is doubtless most characteristic. The verbose vituperation of Registration in which he indulged, is the matter which chiefly interests us, but incidentally we must notice the extraordinary inaccuracies which are contained in his statements. We have had occasion, before now, to show that facts stated in *The Hospital* were absolutely unfounded, but it

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