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Editorial.

SEVERAL, of the many, correspondents who have written to us upon the subject of our remarks, last week, on the London Hospital Accounts, call our attention to the fact—to which, it seems, those remarks for the first time drew their notice—that in the audited and published balance sheets of other Institutions, to which they subscribe, there is an equal absence of information given as to the expenses of the Private Nursing Department. And more than one of the writers have been good enough to send us the Reports of the Institutions to which they refer, and to ask us to comment upon them. One valued reader goes so far as to say that he considers we "ought not to concentrate" our "whole artillery on the abuses of one Hospital, but fearlessly expose all Hospitals in which the same abuses exist." With great deference to our correspondent—for whom we venture to entertain the respect in which all his countrymen hold him—as he has voiced a complaint which many others of our readers may also have felt, we must explain, in some detail, the standpoint and the policy of this Journal. We are well aware of the shortcomings of many great public Institutions, but we are also intimately acquainted with the magnificent work which they each year perform for the sick and the

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