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AS the representative organ of the Nursing profession, it has been our painful but imperative duty to comment unfavourably upon the National Pension Fund for Nurses. We have proved that the very name of the Fund was most misleading, when applied to an Insurance office which does not give a single Pension, but merely offers Deferred Annuities to those who can pay for such blessings in disguise. We have pointed out that the Fund was initiated, and was organized, by people who could have no possible personal knowledge of the needs and prospects of the majority of Trained Nurses. We showed—at the very commencement of the scheme—that a large sum must, of necessity, be swallowed up in Office expenses, which might otherwise be of immense value in the form of real pensions given to deserving and superannuated workers. We stated, from our intimate knowledge of Nurses, that those who would certainly need assistance in their old age, were exactly those whose circumstances would not permit them to save sufficient to purchase an Annuity upon which they could live when disabled from work; and, on the other hand, that those who were independent of their profession now, were not likely to need help hereafter, and therefore were surely not the persons whom the City merchants, who founded this fund, desired to benefit. In every particular, these statements, made some

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