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Editorial.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL PENSION FUND.

THE public Press is slowly awakening to the fact upon which, as the representative organ of Nurses, it has been our duty upon several occasions to comment, that the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses not only bears a most misleading name, but is also conducted upon principles of which it must be difficult for anyone to approve. On January 14, the *Christian Million*—an influential religious periodical—having been led to examine into this matter, made the following remarks, which, as coming from an entirely independent source, we commend to the consideration of our readers: "The so-called Royal National Pension Fund for Trained Nurses seems to have practically broken down. Though backed up by the princely generosity of some city merchants, it turns out to be nothing better than a new insurance office, with a limited *clientèle*, and consequently with premiums that are higher than those charged by others in the same line of business."

Our readers will observe that our contemporary enunciates exactly the same arguments as those which we have employed in these columns, at intervals, ever since the foundation of this Fund. We are led to refer to the matter again because the *Hospital*, last week, expresses the anger of its Editor—who always describes himself as "The Founder" of this Fund—at the com-

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