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Editorial.

A VALUABLE PROVIDENT SCHEME.

OUR opinion has been requested concerning a provident scheme for nurses recently commenced by the Pearl Life Assurance Company; and we have, therefore, examined this carefully as far as its suitability for members of the nursing profession is concerned, while we have submitted it also for expert opinion as to its financial aspects. The results at which we have arrived appear to us to be so important to our readers that we deem it our duty to call their most careful attention to the matter. The Company in question has been established for thirty-three years, and we are informed holds a high position in the insurance world, having an annual income of more than £500,000, and an invested capital of £750,000; so that it is impossible to question either its success or its stability. In the face of such figures it must be conceded that benefits offered by this office are amply secured and safe, and this point is of the first importance in deciding whether to insure with any given Company.

The security, then, being evidently beyond dispute, we come next to consider the suitability, or otherwise, of the new scheme for

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