

(5) The constitution and government is that usual among affiliated Societies, but without the intermediary "districts." The General Committee consists of representatives of the various courts, and alone has power to make levies, or alter rules.

(6) When required, the benefits, sick and funeral, are respectively as high as £1 per week and £12 (see "Work and Leisure" Court), and superannuation is given to ten shillings per week.

(7) I am glad to be able to say that a large body of Nurses have examined, by means of a specially appointed Committee, into the objects and working of the U.S.F.S., and have arrived (so the Executive Committee have been informed) at a different conclusion to that of your "Editorial." If required, there can be no question that the U.S.F.S. can be made entirely suitable for Nurses; and I am confident that your "Editorial" would not have been written had the writer possessed any close and practical knowledge of the constitution, objects, or working of a Friendly Society.—I remain, yours faithfully, J. FROME WILKINSON, M.A.,

Founder and President of the U.S.F.S.

Kilvington Rectory, Orston, Nottingham, June 7th, 1892.

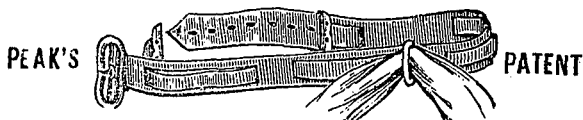
[Mr. Wilkinson has not touched our arguments at all. (1) We complained that a document—we are not greatly concerned whether it be called a "report" of a Society or a "leaflet" about a Society—is unbusinesslike which refers to the present time," and gives no date to show when that "present time" was. We say now that for the Presi-

dent of a Society to give its membership as "between eight hundred and one thousand" exhibits an equal lack of precision. (2) We said that "the growth of the Society has not been so rapid as to make us feel that it has met a widespread want." In a pamphlet issued by the Society it is stated, "The recruiting ground is a large one," and figures are given proving that there are over thirteen million working women in this country. The Society has been joined in seven years by "between eight hundred and one thousand." Mr. Wilkinson may be satisfied; we do not question that, but he cannot pretend that our statement is not proved by his own figures. (3) By a reserve fund we mean a fund saved to meet future liabilities from the income of the Society: a guarantee fund is a totally different thing, and we did not allude to this at all. (4) The Public Valuer places the surplus at £24, and we fail to see how Mr. Wilkinson can transform £24 into £92. (7) We challenge Mr. Wilkinson to state what "large body of Nurses" he refers to—the exact words of the conclusion at which they have arrived—and the name of the actuary on whose advice they arrived at the said conclusion. The remaining statements are dealt with, in another column.—ED.]

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