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EDITORIAL.

THE NATIONAL PENSION FUND FOR NURSES.

WE drew attention last week to the fact that by some most extraordinary oversight the accounts of this Fund had been issued, in which no distinct statement is given of the receipts and expenditure for preliminary expenses. We mentioned incidentally that these appeared to have amounted to no less than £1,300. A well-known gentleman, "much interested in this Fund," writes to ask us how we "deduce this figure, as he cannot believe so much can have been spent," but quite absolves this Journal "from making a mistake, as the published accounts should, beyond all doubt, have definitely stated the amount." As others of our readers may also be equally unwilling to believe that so large a sum can have been spent upon floating a scheme, which can be of such scanty use to poorer Nurses, we will explain the reason for our estimate.

In the Report of the Council the subject of the preliminary expenses is markedly unnoticed. In the Annuity Account occurs the remarkable statement to which we drew attention last week: "Expenses of management, including all the preliminary expenses of founding the Society, less donations specially given in aid of the preliminary and formation expenses, £762 10s. 3d. On referring to the last page of the accounts, one finds that the "donations for preliminary expenses" amounted to £1,287 10s. As we have said, this sum does not appear in the accounts; but if words have any meaning, the paragraph we have quoted implies that the expenses of management, together with "all the preliminary expenses," amounted exactly to this £1,287 10s. added to £762 10s. 3d.—in other words, to £2,050. We showed last week that, according to the report of the Council, the loading on the premiums, and the surplus

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