

ditions in which pensioners are living that the Pension Commissioners can satisfy themselves that the pensions granted are sufficient in amount. For another reason, the keeping of careful records of pensioners is desirable. Persons of all ages and both sexes in every class of community are pensioners. Accurate registration of their deaths, births and marriages, which must be made for pensioning purposes, will present information of great interest for the whole community, and that especially for areas where the compilation of vital statistics is lax.

Good advertising is very necessary for success in dealing with pensions. Sound pension legislation can be enacted and enforced only if public opinion accepts it. The offices administering pensions can work successfully only if they and their work are widely known and recognized as good. To secure and maintain a sound national knowledge of pensions and of their administration is an important function of a Board of Pension Commissioners. If their work is to be successful they must make the average citizen believe that the plan of pensions is good and that it is being well handled. The best advertisement is work well done; no effort could secure the common man's approval for a system which permitted injustices so glaring as those alluded to above. But in addition to good work, made possible by sound legislation and efficient administrative organization, every form of wise publicity should be employed. By words, spoken and written, by pictures, as well as by satisfied pensioners, it should come to pass that the word "pension" suggests to every citizen, not a source of disorder and restless suspicion, but a just, familiar and smoothly-working means of discharging a definite public debt.

While pension is the most familiar of the methods by which returning sailors and soldiers are assured an independent position in civilian life, it is but one of the measures established for that purpose. From the nature of its functions, the body administering pensions must be in constant touch with pensioners long after their daily dependence