

THE LATE SIR JULIAN GOLDSMID,
BART., M.P.

WE have the pleasure to give our readers an excellent photograph of the greatly esteemed gentleman by whose name the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton will henceforth be known. Born in 1838, the eldest son of Mr. Frederick David Goldsmid, M.P., he passed through a highly successful academic career at University College and at the University of London. In 1864 he was called to the bar, and for four or five years practised on the Oxford Circuit. On being elected, however, as the representative of Honiton in 1866, he relinquished the law for politics. After several unsuccessful efforts between 1868 and 1870, and again between 1880 and 1885, he was returned as member, during the first ten years for Rochester, and after 1885 he represented South St. Pancras until his death. In the House of Commons, as in the wider world outside St. Stephens, Sir Julian Goldsmid earned the deep respect and admiration or love of all who knew him.

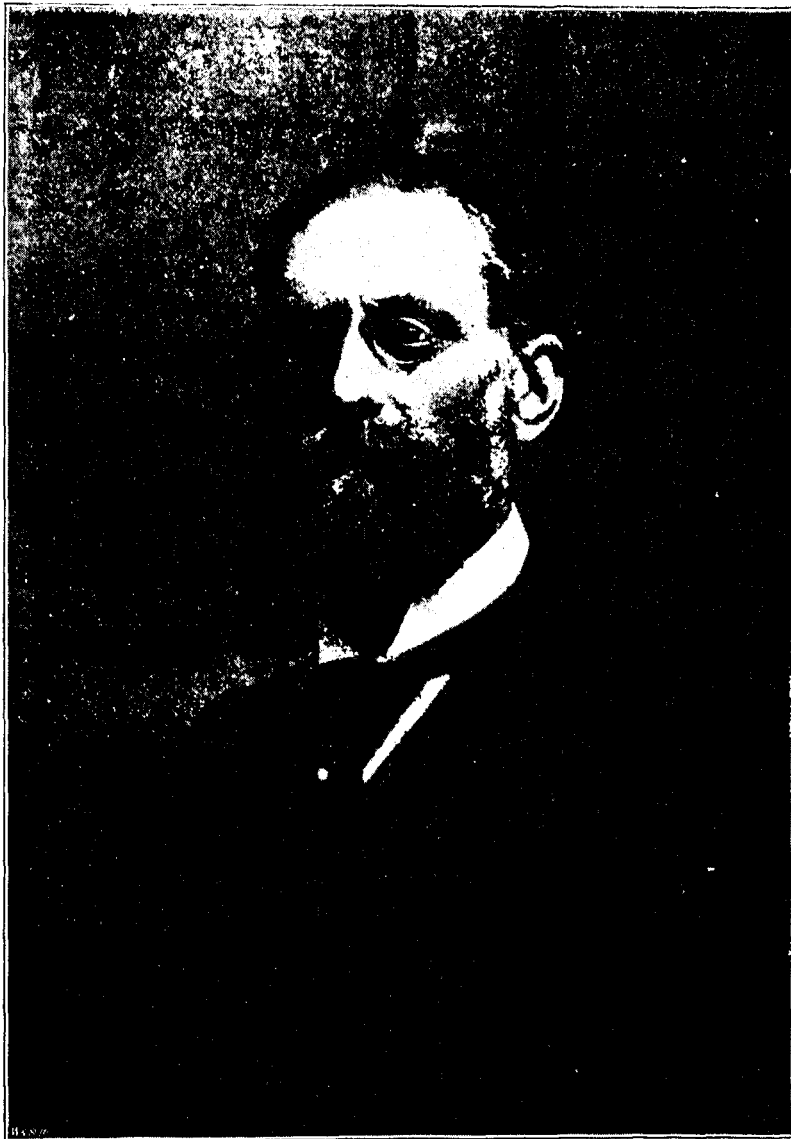
He was an active member of the House of Commons, serving on various important committees, some of which, indeed, he himself originated. He called public attention with great effect to the purchase of the Telegraphs by the Government, and the select committee which was appointed consequent on

his efforts was the means of effecting a large number of most important reforms and improvements in that branch of the public service. He was the Chairman of Railway Committees of the House. It was a matter of general regret that his enfeebled state of health prevented him from being nominated for the office of Speaker when Mr. Peel resigned that office, but his health was then in a most precarious state,

and perhaps largely in consequence of the fact that he never spared himself when any of the numerous charitable institutions with which he was connected, or any of the public bodies in which he took so prominent a part, required his invaluable aid and advice.

Despite the injunctions of his medical advisers he came up to London to attend a most important meeting at the University of London, of which he was Vice-Chairman, when he was suffering from the illness which a fortnight later proved to be fatal; and within forty-eight hours of his end he remembered that a large number of subscriptions were falling due to various charities which he supported, and although then hardly able to hold his pen, he gave separate

instructions concerning each to his secretary, and finally signed every cheque himself. Such was the man whom it is intended to commemorate in connection with the Home of Rest, and it will be generally felt that the Nursing profession is thereby highly honoured.



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