

question was whether it was a good one. Then this registration was not compulsory; an unregistered nurse would be allowed to practise as at present, but nurses on the register might appear to the public to be, and claim for themselves that they were, a *corps d'elite*. Yet they had heard that many of the best qualified nurses would have nothing to do with the Directory. Then the names on the Directory would to the public appear to involve some guarantee of fitness to practise as nurses. What was there in this Bill to afford any security of fitness? The training might be of a most perfunctory and insufficient nature. Another Bill dealing with this matter was before the House of Commons, and he was under the impression that in some points it compared favourably with that before their lordships. He doubted whether his noble friend was wise in pressing upon Parliament a measure which was evidently regarded with very great suspicion. Instead of affording a settlement of the difficult and thorny question of Registration, he feared it would aggravate it, whereas they should endeavour to find a settlement acceptable to all concerned. If the Bill were pressed to a division, therefore he should reluctantly vote against it.

Lord Balfour said that he had received a certain amount of support from those who were well entitled to speak, and from those who were officially responsible, in this matter. He was, therefore, inclined to test in the division lobby the amount of support given to the Bill, because he thought there had been a certain amount of interested clamour against it.

The House divided at 6.30, and there voted:—

For the Bill	...	...	...	20
Against	...	...	...	53

Majority against ... .. 33

The voting was as follows:—

#### FOR THE BILL.

Lord Tweedmouth (Lord President of the Council), the Marquis of Ripon (Lord Privy Seal), the Duke of Wellington, the Marquis of Bath, Earl Beauchamp (Lord Steward), Earl Carrington, the Earl of Crewe, Earl Cromer, Earl Nelson, Viscount Cross, Lord Armistead, Lord Balfour, Lord Denman, Lord Glantawe, Lord James, Lord Killanin, Lord Kinnaird, Lord Saye and Sele, Lord Stanmore, and Lord Welby.

#### AGAINST THE BILL.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Bedford, the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Rutland, the Duke of Abercorn, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Earl Amherst, the Earl of

Clarendon, the Earl of Dartrey, the Earl of Denbigh, the Earl of Jersey, the Earl of Lauderdale, the Earl of Liverpool, the Earl of Onslow, Earl Russell, Earl Waldegrave, the Earl of Westmeath, Viscount Churchill, Viscount Falkland, Viscount Goschen, Viscount Hill, Viscount Iveagh, Viscount Milner, Lord Ampthill, Lord Ashbourne, Lord Atkinson, Lord Belhaven and Stenton, Lord Belper, Lord Colchester, Lord Colebrooke, Lord Courtney of Penwith, Lord Faber, the Earl of Glasgow, the Earl of Granard, Lord Haversham, Lord Heneage, Lord Herschell, Lord Hindlip, Lord Kintore, Lord Lawrence, Lord Monkswell, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lord Newton, Lord Playfair, Lord Rathmore, Lord Ravensworth, Lord Reay, Lord Saltoun, Lord Sanderson, Viscount Barrington, Lord Sinclair, Lord Stanley of Alderley, and Lord Weardale.

The result of the division was eagerly awaited by the nurses in the Lobby, and was received with an intense sense of relief and gratitude.

As women reporters are not admitted to the House of Lords, our abstract of the Debate is founded mainly on the *Times* report.

## Appointments.

### NURSE-MATRON.

**Isolation Hospital, Gainsborough.**—Miss T. Peppercorn has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at the Leeds Union Infirmary, and has previously held the position of Sister and Deputy-Matron at the Croydon Borough Hospital, and lately that of Charge Nurse at the City Hospital North, Liverpool.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**General Hospital, Bristol.**—Miss C. C. Edwards has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained in the same institution, where she has held the position of Night Superintendent for two years. She is a trained masseuse, and a certified midwife.

### SISTERS.

**Kingston Infirmary.**—Miss Martha Cutforth has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Shoreditch Infirmary, and has been on the staff of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

**Shoreditch Infirmary.**—Miss Julia Ennis has been appointed Sister. She was trained in the same institution, and is a certified midwife.

### NIGHT SISTERS.

**Great Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, N.**—Miss M. O'Dowd has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Hampstead General Hospital, and at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Coventry.

**Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.**—Miss A. Timberl has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has held the position of Matron at the Nursing Home, Bangkok, and of

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