

**THE RIGHT HON. R. C. MUNRO
FERGUSON, P.C., LL.D., M.P.**

**A FRIEND OF TRAINED NURSES AND THE
SICK.**

It is with great pleasure that we are able to present to our readers the accompanying portrait of the Right Hon. R. C. Munro Ferguson, P.C., LL.D., M.P. The picture is taken from a portrait recently presented to Mr. Ferguson on his semi-jubilee as Member of Parliament for Leith Burghs.

The nursing profession owes much to Mr. Munro Ferguson, who each year, from 1905 onwards, has introduced the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses into the House of Commons, has accompanied deputations to the Prime Minister and the Lord President of the Council in support of registration, secured the use of Committee rooms in the House of Commons for Conferences on the question, besides balloting for the Bill. He has also by his influence with

other Members secured much support within the House which would no doubt carry the Bill through a successful second reading if time were only granted by the Government for its consideration.

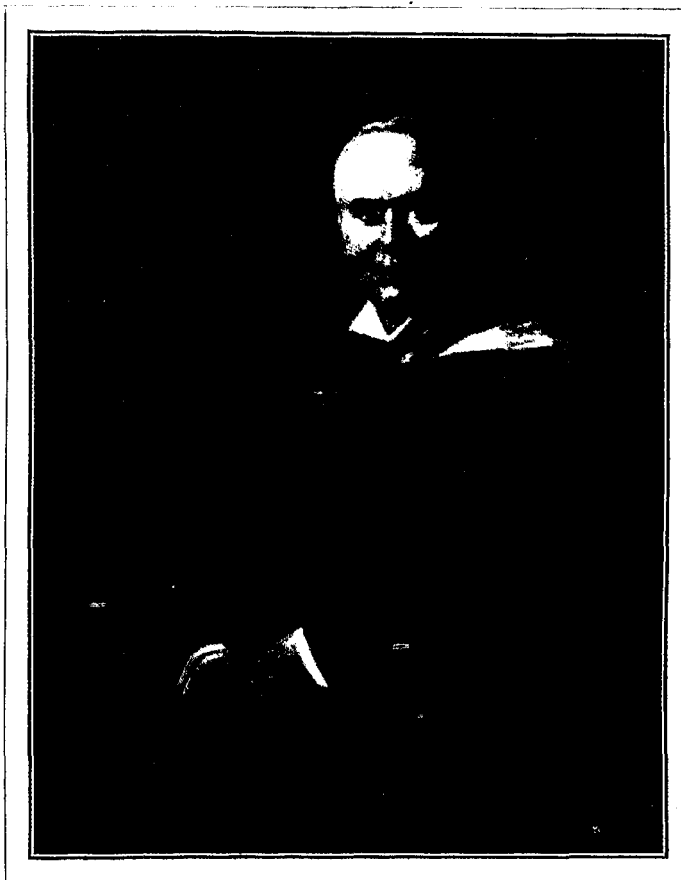
For some years Mr. Ferguson held a commission in the Grenadier Guards, but an inherited taste for politics quickly declared itself, and in 1884 he was elected Member of Parliament for Ross and Cromarty.

After leaving the Army Mr. Ferguson in 1886 acted as private secretary to Lord Rose-

bery, whom he accompanied to India, and there met Lady Helen Blackwood, the daughter of India's great Viceroy, Lord Dufferin, to whom he was married in 1889. No reader of this journal needs to be reminded of the charm and eloquence of Lady Helen Munro Ferguson. Her brilliant speeches and articles in support of their professional enfranchisement are too well known and appreciated by them.

In March, 1894, Mr. Ferguson became a Junior Lord of the Treasury, and was one of the Whips during Lord Rosebery's Government. For many years he has been Provost (Mayor) of Kircaldy, and both in Parliament and in his own constituency he has gained wide respect. It is a great asset to the Registration cause to have secured the active support of so influential and deservedly popular a Member of the House of Commons.

The position of the Nurses' Registration Bill now is that in the House of Commons it is backed by members of every party in the House, and that, through the Central Committee for the State



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Registration of Nurses, of which Lord Ampt-hill is Chairman, it has the support by delegation of the British Medical Association, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland; the Royal British Nurses' Association, the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the Fever Nurses' Association, the Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland, the Scottish Nurses' Association, and the Irish Nurses' Association; thus in England, Scotland, and Ireland doctors and nurses support one Bill.

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