

his case when he said that all the objection to this measure came from interested people. I ask my hon. Friends to support me in order to show my hon. Friend the Member for Stirlingshire (Dr. Chapple) that he has no right in introducing the Bill to make a sweeping statement like he has done, which has no foundation whatever. I should have thought that we needed much more inquiry before legislating upon this topic. The fact that this measure seems to have been conceived in a spirit of antagonism to a great institution which serves the poor in the East End of London shows that we require more time for reflection. We do not know what the Clauses of the Bill are or what its machinery is. If this Bill has been drafted in the same kind of spirit as the speech which has been made in introducing it, I cannot conceive that it is likely to do any possible good. Naturally I am suspicious about any new legislation setting up a distinct profession when the standards are not agreed. In nursing there is no common standard—in fact, the standard varies in every part of the country, and particularly between England and Scotland.

I think my hon. Friend would have been well advised to have confined his Bill to Scotland, and also to have confined his remarks to Scotland. There is a great difference—and as far as I know the hon. Member has not touched upon it—between the nurses in Scotland and the nurses in England with regard to their organisation, aims, and desires upon this particular question. My hon. Friend is a Scottish Member, and this subject may have progressed more there than in this country. That is one reason why he should have confined this measure to Scotland, and then it could have been threshed out before the Scottish Grand Committee. The hon. Member has made out no case for the introduction of this Bill. The Insurance Act is no argument at all. I agree that the Insurance Act is bringing benefits in the way of medicines, and so on, to the poor which were beyond them before, and I should be glad if we could do something for the nurses to increase the dignity of their profession and give some opportunity for a recognition of those who are genuine nurses, but to base the claim for his Bill upon the cock-and-bull story of nurses being stirred up on railway stations by the police is absurd, and something which I never heard of. We heard the old argument about women dressed as nurses decoying poor girls away for immoral purposes, but when the charge was investigated a case could not be found. I do not believe that the stories about a nurse going to Harrod's Stores or Selfridge's have a word of truth in them. To give that as a reason for introducing this legislation simply shows the poverty of the case. Owing to the manner in which my hon. friend made an unprovoked attack on a great nursing institution, I think we ought to mark our sense of disapproval by opposing this Bill in the Division Lobby.

Question put, "That leave be given to introduce a Bill to regulate the qualifications of trained nurses, and to provide for their registration."

The House divided: Ayes, 311; Noes, 82.

## THE DIVISION.

AYES.

Abraham, William; Acland, Francis Dyke; Adamson, William; Addison, Dr. Christopher; Agnew, Sir George William; Alden, Percy; Allen, Arthur A.; Allen, Rt. Hon. Charles P.; Armitage, Robert; Arnold, Sydney; Baker, Harold T.; Baker, Joseph Allen; Baring, Sir Godfrey; Barnes, George N.; Barran, Sir John N.; Barrie, H. T.; Beale, Sir William Phipson; Beauchamp, Sir Edward; Beck, Arthur Cecil; Benn, Arthur Shirley; Benn, W. W.; Bentham, George Jackson; Bentinck, Lord H. Cavendish; Bird, Alfred; Black, Arthur W.; Boland, John Pius; Boscawen, Sir Arthur S. T. Griffith; Bowerman, Charles W.; Boyle, Daniel; Brace, William; Brady, Patrick Joseph; Bryce, J. Annan; Buckmaster, Sir Stanley O.; Buxton, Noel; Byles, Sir William Pollard; Carr-Gomm, H. W.; Cator, John; Cawley, Sir Frederick; Cawley, Harold T.; Chancellor, H. G.; Churchill, Rt. Hon. Winston S.; Clancy, John Joseph; Clay, Captain H. H. Spender; Clough, William; Clynes, John R.; Collins, Godfrey P.; Collins, Sir Stephen; Compton-Rickett, Rt. Hon. Sir J.; Condon, Thomas Joseph; Cooper, Sir Richard Ashmole; Cornwall, Sir Edwin A.; Cotton, William Francis; Courthope, George Loyd; Cowan, W. H.; Craig, Ernest; Craig, Norman; Craik, Sir Henry; Crooks, William; Crumley, Patrick; Cullinan, John; Currie, George W.; Dalziel, Rt. Hon. Sir J. H.; Davies, David; Davies, Ellis William; Davies, Timothy; Dawes, James Arthur; Delany, William; Denman, Hon. Richard Douglas; Devlin, Joseph; Dewar, Sir J. A.; Dickinson, Rt. Hon. Willoughby H.; Dillon, John; Donelan, Captain A.; Doughty, Sir George; Duffy, William J.; Duncan, C.; Duncan, J. Hastings; Edwards, John Hugh; Esmonde, Dr. John; Esmonde, Sir Thomas; Essex, Sir Richard Walter; Faber, George D.; Falconer, James; Farrell, James Patrick; Fell, Arthur; Fenwick, Rt. Hon. Charles; Ferens, Rt. Hon. Thomas Robinson; Ffrench, Peter; Field, William; Fiennes, Hon. Eustace Edward; Fitzgibbon, John; Fitzroy, Hon. Edward A.; Flavin, Michael Joseph; France, G. A.; George, Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd; Gill, A. H.; Gladstone, W. G. C.; Glanville, H. J.; Goddard, Sir Daniel Ford; Gordon, John; Greene, Walter Raymond; Greenwood, Hamar; Greig, Colonel James William; Griffith, Ellis Jones; Guest, Hon. Frederick E.; Gulland, John William; Gwynn, Stephen Lucius; Hackett, John; Haddock, George Bahr; Hamilton, C. G. C.; Harcourt, Rt. Hon. Lewis; Harcourt, Robert V.; Hardie, J. Keir; Harrison-Broadley, H. B.; Harvey, A. G. C.; Harvey, W. E.; Haslam, Lewis; Havelock-Allan, Sir Henry; Hayden, John Patrick; Hazleton, Richard; Helme, Sir Norval Watson; Henderson, Arthur; Herbert, General Sir Ivor; Herbert, Hon. A.; Hewart, Gordon; Hinds, John; Holmes, Daniel Turner; Hope, John Deans; Hope, James Fitzalan; Hope, Major J. A.; Houston, Robert Paterson; Howard, Hon. Geoffrey; Hughes, Spencer Leigh; Hunt, Rowland; Hunter, Sir Charles Rodk.; Illingworth, Percy H.; Jardine, E.; Jardine, Sir J.; John, Edward Thomas; Johnson, W.; Jones, Rt. Hon. Sir D. Brynmor; Jones, Edgar R.; Jones, H. Haydn; Jones, J. Towyn; Jones, Leif Stratten; Jones, William; Jones, William S. Glyn; Jowett, F. W.; Joyce, Michael; Kellaway, Frederick George; Kelly, Edward; Kennedy, Vincent Paul; Kenyon, Barnet; Kerr-Smiley, Peter Kerr; Kilbride, Denis; Lambert, Richard; Lane-Fox, G. R.; Lardner, James C. R.; Law, Hugh A.; Lawson, Sir W.; Leach, Charles; Lewisham, Viscount; Lloyd, George Ambrose; Lough, Rt. Hon. Thomas; Low, Sir F.; Lyell, Charles Henry; Lynch, A. A.; MacCaw, William J.; MacGeagh; Macdonald, J. Ramsay; Macdonald, John M.; McGhee, Richard;

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