

## STATE REGISTRATION.

## THE STUPENDOUS MAJORITY.

First of all, a thousand thanks to all kind friends for letters of congratulation to this JOURNAL on the Stupendous Majority on the First Reading of the Nurses' Registration Bill on March 3rd. The result of the voting was no surprise to us. We have always felt convinced that if the question came to the ballot, the members of the House of Commons would acquit themselves as nobly on this great question of social reform as the House of Lords, and they did it. One can have very little confidence in the righteousness and justice of a cause if one hesitates to put it to the test. For years we registrationists have been denied the opportunity of proving the strength of conviction of Members of Parliament on this question, and whatever the motive may have been of Mr. Handel Booth in dividing the House on the First Reading of the Nurses' Registration Bill, we can condone it in contemplating the splendid majority in its favour revealed by the ballot. We hurried to press so soon last week after the wonderful result was made public that we had not time to analyse the voting nor to realise to its full extent its extraordinary importance. There is little doubt now that State Registration of Nurses will be in force at no distant date.

## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.

The majority, officially announced as 229, is, we believe, 228, and includes the following Cabinet Ministers and Government officials:—

*His Majesty's Household.*—Treasurer, Captain Hon. F. E. Guest, M.P.; Vice-Lord Chamberlain, Hon. Geoffrey W. A. Howard, M.P.—the only Members of Parliament in the Household.

*Crown Law Offices.*—The Solicitor-General, Sir Stanley O. Buckmaster, K.C.

*The Treasury.*—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, M.P.; Lords Commissioners, Mr. J. W. Gulland, M.P., Mr. W. Wedgewood Benn, M.P., Mr. William Jones, M.P., Mr. Henry Webb, M.P. Thus every Lord of the Treasury voted for the Bill, as did the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. P. H. Illingworth, M.P.

*Board of Education.*—The President, Rt. Hon. J. A. Pease, M.P., and the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. C. P. Trevelyan, M.P.

*The Home Office.*—Under-Secretary, Mr. Ellis J. Griffith, K.C., M.P.

*The Foreign Office.*—Under-Secretary, Mr. Francis Dyke Acland, M.P.; Private Secretary, Captain the Hon. A. C. Murray, M.P.

*The Colonial Office.*—The Secretary of State, Rt. Hon. Lewis Harcourt, M.P.; Private Secretary, Hon. F. W. S. McLaren, M.P.

*The India Office.*—Under-Secretary, Mr. C. H. Roberts, M.P.

*The War Office.*—Private Secretary, Mr. G. P. Collins, M.P.; Financial Secretary, Mr. Harold Baker, M.P.

*The Admiralty.*—The First Lord, the Right Hon. Winston S. Churchill, M.P.; Private Secretary, Mr. A. F. Whyte, M.P.

*The Scottish Office.*—The Lord Advocate, the Right Hon. Robert Munro, K.C., M.P.; Private Secretary, Mr. J. Dundas White, M.P.

*The Irish Office.*—Private Secretary, Sir Harry Verney, Bart., M.P.

*The Board of Trade.*—Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. J. M. Robertson, M.P.; Private Secretary, the Hon. R. D. Denman, M.P.

*The Post Office.*—Assistant Postmaster-General, Captain C. W. Norton, M.P.

It will thus be seen that, omitting Cabinet Ministers (four of whom voted for us), twenty-three members holding official posts of responsibility in Government Departments recorded their votes for the Bill, leaving ten only who did not do so, only two of whom voted in the minority.

## THE VARIOUS PARTIES.

## LIBERALS.

The support given to the Bill by leading men in all Parties was most encouraging. Amongst Liberals we find Dr. Addison, the Right Hon. Charles P. Allen, Sir Godfrey Baring, Sir J. N. Barran, Sir W. P. Beale, K.C., Sir Edward Beauchamp, Sir William P. Byles, Sir Stephen Collins, Right Hon. Sir J. Compton-Rickett, Sir Edwin Cornwall, Mr. H. W. Carr-Gomm, Right Hon. Sir Henry Dalziel, Hon. R. D. Denman, Sir John A. Dewar, Right Hon. W. H. Dickinson, Right Hon. Charles Fenwick, Mr. W. G. C. Gladstone, Sir D. F. Goddard, Sir H. Havelock Allan, Sir Norval W. Helme, Major-General Sir Ivor Herbert, Sir J. Jardine, Right Hon. Sir D. Brynmor Jones, K.C., Sir W. Lawson, Mr. C. H. Lyell, Right Hon. Thomas Lough, Sir F. Low, K.C., Sir J. R. McCullum, Sir Arthur B. Markham, Right Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, Mr. C. F. Price, Sir R. J. Price, Sir H. H. Raphael, Right Hon. Russell Rea, Sir John H. Roberts, Sir Thomas Roe, Right Hon. T. W. Russell, Mr. A. MacCallum Scott, Sir T. Courtenay Warner, Right Hon. Eugene Wason, Right Hon. Sir T. Whittaker, and Sir James H. Yoxall.

## UNIONISTS.

Amongst well-known members of the Unionists we find the following giving their support: Mr. A. Shirley Benn, Sir Arthur Griffith Boscawen, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Captain H. Spender Clay, Sir R. A. Cooper, Sir H. Craik,

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