

AYES—(Continued).

Walsh, Stephen (Lancaster, Watts-Morgan, Lieut.-Col. Ince)  
 Warner, Sir T. Courtenay T. | Young, Robert (Lancaster, Newton)

Tellers for the Ayes.

Major Barnett and Mr. James Wilson.

NOES.

Agg-Gardner, Sir J. Tynte	Lyle, C. E. Leonard
Barker, Major Robert H.	Macdonald, Sir Murdoch (Inverness)
Barlow, Sir Montague	Manville, Edward
Barnston, Major Harry	Mond, Rt. Hon. Sir Alfred (Devizes)
Bell, Lieut.-Col. W. C. H.	Moritz
Bird, Sir R. B. (Wolverhampton, W.)	Moore, Major-General Sir Newton J.
Breese, Major Charles E.	Moore-Brabazon, Lieut.-Col. J. T. C.
Brown, Major D. C.	Nall, Major Joseph
Bruton, Sir James	Neal, Arthur
Buckley, Lieut.-Col. A.	Newman, Sir R. H. S. D. L. (Exeter)
Edge, Captain Sir William	Newson, Sir Percy Wilson
Edwards, Major J. (Aberavon)	Nicholson, Reginald (Doncaster)
Evans, Ernest	Parker, James
Fildes, Henry	Parkinson, Albert L. (Blackpool)
Ford, Patrick Johnston	Perkins, Walter Frank
Forrest, Walter	Perring, William George
Fraser, Major Sir Keith	Pollock, Rt. Hon. Sir Ernest Murray
Fremantle, Lieut.-Col. Francis E.	Robinson, S. (Brecon and Radnor)
Gibbs, Col. G. Abraham	Sanders, Col. Sir Robert Arthur
Gilmour, Lieut.-Col. Sir J.	Seddon, J. A.
Green, Joseph F. (Leicester, W.)	Steel, Major S. Strang
Greenwood, W. (Stockport)	Sugden, W. H.
Hailwood, Augustine	Sutherland, Sir William
Hall, Lieut.-Col. Sir F. (Dulwich)	Thomson, Sir W. Mitchell (Maryhill)
Hannon, Patrick Joseph H.	Thorne, W. (West Ham, Plaistow)
Hilder, Lieut.-Col. Frank	Wheler, Col. Granville C. H.
Hinds, John	Williams, C. (Tavistock)
Hope, J. D. (Berwick and Haddington)	Windsor, Viscount
Jameson, John Gordon	Wise, Frederick
Jones, J. T. (Carmarthen, Llanelly)	Young, Sir Frederick W. (Swindon)
King, Capt. Henry Douglas	
Lloyd-Greame, Sir P.	
Lort-Williams, J.	
Lowther, Maj.-Gen. Sir C. (Penrith)	
Loyd, A. T. (Abingdon)	

Tellers for the Noes.

Col. Leslie Wilson and Mr. Dudley Ward.

KERNELS OF THE DEBATE.

Quite a number of nurses were in the Members' Gallery to listen to the Debate on Major Barnett's Motion, and were sincerely grateful to him for his able advocacy. That it was only lost by a 15 Ministerial majority was a moral victory for those who are determined not to submit to despotism.

The debate and voting were instructive—in the main a clash between employer and employed, Aristocracy and Democracy. The tellers for the Free Nurses were Major Barnett, Coalition Unionist, and associated with him Mr. James Wilson, Labour.

For the employers' interests Lieut.-Colonel Leslie Wilson, Coalition Unionist (Joint Parliamentary Secre-

tary, Treasury) and Mr. Dudley Ward, Coalition Liberal (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household).

The Free Nurses were supported by Labour, 34; C.U., 6; C.L., 4; L., 2; C.L.N., 1; Ind., 1; Nat., 1.

The Ministry of Health by Coalition Unionists, 46; Co.-Liberals, 13; Labour, 2 (one a Lord of the Treasury); C.N.D.P., 2; D.S.S., 1.

The Ministry had the support of the Controller, the Vice-Chamberlain and the Treasurer of His Majesty's Household, the Solicitor-General, four Lords of the Treasury, and the Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury. So the Prime Minister's Department was well to the fore.

AN INACCURATE BRIEF.

We wonder who briefed the Minister of Health. He was very ill served. It led him to make statements to the House which were not true, and which we shall proceed to disprove next week.

Suffice it to say the true reason for the delay in considering applications for Registration is not the "meticulous and ridiculous manner in which the matter has been treated until now," by the Chairman of the Registration Committee—the excuse submitted—but the disastrous lack of efficient organisation in compiling the Register; on which upwards of 3,000 nurses have been placed instead of 1,500 as stated by the Minister, and Mr. Leonard Lyle, College of Nursing, Ltd.

THREAT TO REPEAL THE ACT.

The threat of the Minister of Health that if the two new disastrous Rules were rejected there would be "no other course left open to me than to move the repeal of the Act and do away with the Register altogether" has naturally aroused a deep sense of injury and indignation upon the part of the women who fought vested interests for thirty years to obtain legal status, which campaign cost them not less than £30,000 in hard cash. There is another course open to the Minister.

The Act provides that he has power to dissolve the Council, and for the Nurses to elect their own representatives. This should have been the policy of the Ministry upon the strike of the majority of the Council; instead of which these autocrats, after secretly making an *ex-parte* statement to the Ministry, have been thrust back upon us, and given a free hand to suppress freedom of speech and action.

WOMEN M.P.S SHIRK DUTY TO NURSES.

Where were the women M.P.s during this debate on a question on which one would have imagined they would have taken the trouble to acquaint themselves and record their votes. Lady Astor was in the House and voted with the majority in two Divisions on the Army Estimates—and deliberately walked out before the Nursing Question was discussed. Why? How about her Coercion of Wives' Bill? May we remind her ladyship that what may be termed the "hob-nailed" argument is not a whit more strong than the "expediency ticket," where the coercion of wives is concerned. Anyway it appears the Nursing Profession when under discussion in the House of Commons, may save themselves the trouble of attempting to educate or interest either Lady Astor or Mrs. Whittingham in this important branch of national service—skilled nursing is nothing less—or in the educational and economic conditions of registered nurses.

"The fox is full of tricks; the hedgehog has only one, but it is a good one."

—Greek Epigram.

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