

ECHOES OF THE ELECTION.

The self-governing nurses' organisations are free of all Party politics, and each member belongs to which Party she prefers. Thus the organisations support and work for principles, and the men who support high standards of nursing efficiency and national health.

It will cause real rejoicing throughout the free nurses' organisations to learn that their work has helped to return Major R. W. Barnett as member for South-West St. Pancras with a substantial majority, and to know that he appreciates their efforts.

Major Barnett writes: "The nurses, as usual, overwhelmed me with kindness. Not only did they work and canvass on my behalf, but the R.N.P.C. sent me a beautiful bowl of white heather; while the R.B.N.A. sent me a gorgeous Birthday cake.

"If I have succeeded in holding South-West St. Pancras by a substantial majority in these days of storm and stress, it is in no small degree through the efforts of my friends in the Nursing Profession, including THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING."

We feel sure this expression of appreciation will delight Major Barnett's friends. To Miss Isabel Macdonald, together with Miss Liddiatt, R.B.N.A., the credit is due of "stirring up" and showing an example to the younger nurses. Every vote was of importance, and many were secured by members of the R.N.P.C. and R.N.S. Gratitude is a rare virtue in these days, so we thank those who in spite of difficulty went forth to canvass for Major Barnett, to whom we owe the Nurses' Registration Acts.

Trades Union Nurses focussed their influence in opposition to Sir Alfred Mond in Swansea, and in support of the Labour candidate, Mr. W. Samuel, who defeated Sir Alfred Mond by a narrow majority of 115. A great triumph. No self-respecting registrationist will ever forget the arrogant threat in the House of Commons of this millionaire, when Minister of Health, to have the Nurses' Registration Act repealed, if Parliament did not support his proposal to violate its provisions! The Professional Union of Trained Nurses did well.

Amongst members returned are Sir Leonard Lyle, the chief wrecker of the Central Committee's Bill, supported by the College of Nursing, Ltd.; and Dr. Chapple, who carried out the College policy of opening the General Part of the State Register to untrained nurses. Dr. Salter, who persuaded the Labour mem-

bers to help degrade the Nurses' Register by voting for Dr. Chapple's "modification," was beaten in Bermondsey West by a Liberal. We greatly regret to note that Captain W. E. Elliot, M.C., has lost his seat for Lanark by 230 votes to a Labour opponent. Scottish nurses will unite with us in wishing him a speedy return to Parliament.

Thus, although we have many friends in, we have several members in the new Parliament actively inimical to the best interests of the Nursing Profession, and we must keep an eye on their "suppress" policy.

Of the eight women returned to Parliament, the Labour trio are deeply interested in social reform, and, let us hope, will acquaint themselves with nursing economics. So far as we can gather, the Unionist and Liberal women have not yet progressed beyond the V.A.D. stage. The free Nurses should instruct them.

We are still hoping for Nurses' Representatives in the House in the future. The compact little group of medical members in the last Parliament proved ignorant of, and unsympathetic to, the aspirations of the Registered Nurse.

Health and Happiness are synonymous, and until the Nursing Profession governs itself, the good of the people will never be best cared for.

Speaking at a meeting recently, we heard a nurse express the opinion: "Nothing will be done until after the Revolution. I have been driven into that camp by the "cave man" policy of the G.N.C."

NURSING ECHOES.

Nurses who are interested in the care of sick prisoners and appreciate the power of the personal, even if silent, influence to which, since the days of Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, they have always responded, will observe with pleasure in our advertisement columns that women nurses, with certificates of three years' training in a General Hospital, are required for the Hospital Staff at Holloway Prison. Preference will be given to those who are also certified midwives, or who hold the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association. The pay, together with a temporary bonus liable to reduction, is 45s. 6d. a week. Free quarters are provided in a comfortable Nurses' Home, and the cost of food, which is shared by the nurses, amounts to about 14s. per head per week. The appointments carry pensionable rights. Forms of application and further particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Voluntary

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