

was a member of the Chairmen's Panel for Grand Committees in the House.

This bald recital of his achievements by no means exhausts the list of our friend's activities. Distinguished in war service he also brought his penetrating mind to bear on the problems of peace; and trained nurses, as we know, found in him an able, dignified, and chivalrous exponent of their aspirations in support of the campaign for their professional enfranchisement in the House of Commons. In gratitude for these services Registered Nurses in 1925 entertained Sir Richard Barnett to dinner for the purpose of presenting him with a copy of the Register of Nurses for England and Wales so that he might possess in concrete form evidence of the victory achieved after over thirty years of striving—years in which nurses had to contend with social and economic forces of which they were only dimly conscious when they entered with such high hopes on the campaign for the legal registration of nurses, which should give them the power to conserve the honour and interests of their profession and to regulate its educational standards; in short to exercise the functions of self-government, the only solid foundation on which to build up a profession.

Happy were they, that in the House of Commons they secured as their champion Major Sir Richard Barnett, Kt., Major in His Majesty's Army, Master of Arts and Bachelor of Civil Law in the University of Oxford, a man whose word was his bond, in truth "a veray parfit gentil Knight."

In an honoured place in the Nurses' Club Room of the British College of Nurses hangs a portrait of Sir Richard Barnett, inscribed: "The constant champion in the House of Commons of the Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, who largely owe to him their professional status." The presentation was made to the College in his presence by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, last December, when he said that nothing in the course of his Parliamentary career had given him greater

happiness than the fact that he had been permitted to assist in raising the noblest of vocations to the status and dignity of a profession.

THE ORDER OF THE SERVICES.

On the afternoon of October 21st, the remains of Richard Whieldon Barnett passed from his house into the church he loved so well, and there he lay in the chancel throughout the night. At 8 o'clock there was a Requiem Celebration of the Holy Communion, which must surely have brought healing of mind and spirit to those who loved him. The beauty of the flower-

decked altar and chancel, the richly carved dark oak coffin, with three tall candles on either side, and a few choice flowers laid upon it, the dignified simplicity and the quiet repose were in perfect harmony.

THE BIDDING.

The Bidding reminded us that there was still a service which we could render to our friend.

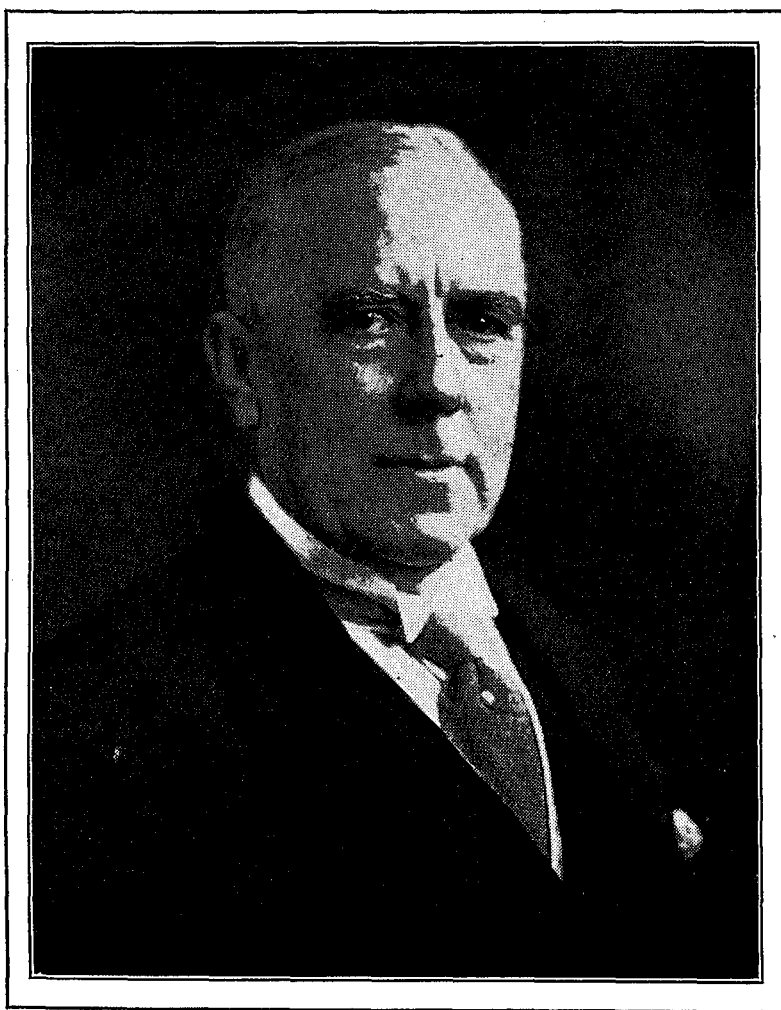
"Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church, and especially here and now for the soul of Richard Whieldon Barnett, Knight Bachelor, Major in His Majesty's Army, and Churchwarden of this Parish, who has departed this life in the faith and fear of our Lord Jesus Christ. On him, and on all Christian souls, may God have mercy."

The Peace of God enfolded the Church as the beautiful service drew to its close, and the veil seemed thin between the Church Militant and

the Church Triumphant. Surely not very far away, sharing in the service, was the spirit of the "beloved Churchwarden."

At noon a Choral Memorial Service took place, and before that time the Church was filled with a representative congregation of both relatives and friends. Conspicuous amongst them were the President of the British College of Nurses, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and six of the Councillors in their official robes, which they wore by special request.

The names of those present are too numerous to mention. Besides the near relatives of Sir Richard



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The Nurses' Champion in the House of Commons.

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