

A FRIEND OF REGISTERED NURSES.

For many years the late Sir Richard Barnett acted as the Nurses' Champion in the House of Commons before and after the Nurses' Registration Act came into force. Since his lamented death, Captain A. Cunningham-Reid, D.F.C., M.P. for St. Marylebone, London, in the last Parliament, has most carefully looked after our interests in connection with prospective legislation. We owe him gratitude for his valuable services, and his nurse constituents will, we feel sure, help by their votes on November 14th to make sure he is returned to the new Parliament.

Captain Cunningham-Reid served in the Great War from 1914 to 1918 and for very valuable service was awarded the Distinguished Flying Corps Cross in 1918. Supporting peace—as the majority of Nurses do—they nevertheless as patriotic women warmly appreciate valour and devotion to duty, and realise that to have as a friend in the House of Commons one whose record is of so honourable a nature, and who has taken the trouble to acquaint himself with nursing organisation and the claims Registered Nurses have as a profession, and as an invaluable factor in Social Service. This means that as proposed legislation arises, affecting their work, it is a relief to realise that they can place their needs before Captain Cunningham-Reid, feeling sure that he will give kind consideration to their expressed opinion. In his convincing address to the electors of St. Marylebone, Captain Cunningham-Reid states:—"The Social Services of Great Britain are incomparably the finest in the world and cost us nearly three quarters of our annual National expenditure. The National Government is proposing to supplement them by an extension of the contributory pensions scheme to 'black-coated' workers and by sweeping improvements in the nation's education and health services."

"In Foreign affairs the National Government, like its predecessors, has given unswerving support to the League of Nations. The League represents a unique opportunity for Nations to strive collectively for peace."

"The National Government proposes increases in the defence forces adequate to our National and Imperial needs."

By voting for Captain Cunningham-Reid, we shall be helping to secure Security, Peace, and Social Improvement for the people of this dear country.

Don't forget, therefore, that Polling Day is Thursday, November 14th, and consult your Poll Card.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH.

NUTRITION AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

A useful department of the League of Nations is its Health Section, through which those interested in matters connected with public health, in countries which are members of the League, can confer, and take united action.

Mlle. Chaptal, of Paris, has for many years taken an active part in its work.

Among the many problems which the Assembly of the League of Nations has had under consideration is that of nutrition and public health brought before it recently by

Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia, who pleaded for an international enquiry into this important question.

As reported by *The Times* correspondent at Geneva, Mr. Bruce said that in an admirable report on nutrition and public health, published by the Health Section of the League, some of the possibilities of better health through improved nutrition were visualised.

These possibilities include a reduced rate of infant mortality, children free from rickets and with sound teeth, mothers saved from anæmia, and the elimination of such scourges as pellagra and beri-beri. Medical science had demonstrated that infantile mortality was closely related to nutrition.

The food products essential to bring about that better nutrition were generally called the protective foodstuffs and included milk and dairy products, vegetables, fruit, eggs and meat. Unfortunately, these forms of food were relatively expensive, and in poorer countries a large proportion of the population could make little use of them. Even in the

richer countries many of the poorer classes were living on deficient diets.

The problem, said Mr. Bruce in conclusion, was how to make available to those in need of them the necessary supplies of these relatively high-priced protective foodstuffs. He asked his fellow delegates to the League Assembly for their sympathetic co-operation.

In the Second Committee of the League of Nations Assembly the subject was further discussed. The problems which Mr. Bruce asked the Assembly to consider were whether the existing evidence showed that an increased consumption of certain foodstuffs would improve national health and efficiency.



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