

diately be informed of what they propose to do, without thereby precluding themselves from making a fuller reply to your letter when they have received from you a copy of the Central Committee's Bill with the latest amendments.

I remain, yours faithfully  
M. S. RUNDLE, Secretary.

FROM SECRETARY, COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD., TO  
HON. SECRETARY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR  
STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

11th November, 1918.

DEAR MADAM,—I think you should be informed that, by the instruction of the Chairman, we are sending to the Nursing Press this week the correspondence which has lately passed between the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses and the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

I remain, yours faithfully,  
M. S. RUNDLE, Secretary.

FROM HON. NURSE SECRETARY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES, TO  
SECRETARY, COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

12th November, 1918.

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge your letter dated November 9th, which will be placed before my Committee at its next meeting; also your second communication, dated November 11th, informing me that, by direction of your Chairman, you have sent the recent official correspondence between the Central Committee and the College of Nursing to the so-called Nursing Press, before my Committee has considered your letter of November 9th, and, as courtesy demands, has given its consent to such publicity.

I remain, yours faithfully,  
ETHEL G. FENWICK,  
Hon. Nurse Secretary.

Having considered the correspondence, the Executive Committee passed unanimously the following Resolution, and directed that it should be sent to the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd. :—

#### RESOLUTION.

The Executive Committee of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses desires to express to the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., its strong disapproval of official correspondence between the two Bodies having been sent to the press for publication, before the Executive Committee of the former has had time to receive and consider the letter from the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., dated November the 9th, in reply to the important communication from the Central Committee dated November 1st.

Our readers will learn from this correspondence that the Central Committee for State Registration of Nurses, and the College of Nursing, Ltd., will now proceed to support their own Bills.

## DANCING ON THE DEAD.

What is known as the "Hulton" press, which owns the *Daily Sketch*, the *Evening Standard*, and other papers in the North, is widely advertising the scheme of a "Victory Ball," to be held at the Albert Hall on November 27th, in aid of the War Charity, the Nation's Fund for Nurses, and nearly every paper in the Metropolis is flooded with advertisements. We professional nurses can hardly conceive such an outrage to our ethical standards possible at the present time, even by the Committee of the Fund and their supporters, who continue to ignore the dignity and sensibilities of our profession, in spite of indignant protests.

The Nation's Nurses are still engaged in the sacred and often heartrending duty of attending the Nation's Sick and Wounded, broken in battle and in the torture camps of the enemy, and that Society and the Drama should dare to make our honourable work the excuse for their heartless pleasure and diversion, before the corpses of our valiant dead are cold in the grave, is an unendurable offence against decency we shall not easily forgive.

We call upon the galaxy of duchesses who are giving their patronage to this function, to realise, if possible, the injury not only to the Nursing Profession, but to their own "Order" in the opinion of the "common people" of unerring instinct, who are still mourning their dead, and who are heartbroken at the sight of the returning mad and mutilated prisoners, who are "bone of their bone and flesh of their flesh."

We do not live in times when it is safe for the callous rich to ignore the convictions of those whose moral ideals and work form the basis of a solvent State. Already the warning is writ large upon the wall.

## NOT A NATIONAL FUND.

DEAR NURSES,—During the past week I have met many Nurses who one and all, have expressed indignation and strong disapproval of the scheme promoted by the Committee of

The Nation's Fund for Nurses, viz. :  
"A Victory Ball  
At the Albert Hall."

This ball, according to the promoters' programme, is to raise funds for "The Nation's Nurses."

I undertook, on behalf of indignant members of the nursing profession, to call at the Office of the Nation's Fund for Nurses in North Audley Street, and to voice the Nurses' very justifiable protest

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