

be done in the Bill itself would almost certainly lead to trouble and might even be fatal to the measure.

Perhaps I ought to say in conclusion that everyone of Parliamentary experience must be aware that there is absolutely no hope of passing a contentious Bill in the present state of public business, and that, therefore, an agreed Measure is the only chance we have of obtaining the State recognition of the Nursing Profession. Even then it is doubtful whether the opposition still to be expected from quarters which have been hostile hitherto may not be powerful enough to defeat our combined efforts.

I hope that the explanations that I have given of our Bill may convince your Committee that, as I said at the beginning of this letter, our differences concern details, not fundamentals, and consequently ought not to be incapable of mutual adjustment.

Yours sincerely,
(signed) A. STANLEY.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.
October 4th, 1916.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE
REGISTRATION OF NURSES,
431, Oxford Street, London W.
7th October, 1916.

DEAR MR. STANLEY,—I beg to thank you for your personal letter of explanation dated October 4th. Having consulted Dr. Goodall, the Hon. Med. Secretary, we desire to inform you that we have no further jurisdiction in the matter under discussion.

The Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses directed us to forward to you, as Chairman of the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., the result of its deliberations at its meeting on September 28th last, and to ask that an official reply might be sent at your earliest convenience.

Awaiting this reply,

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

To the Honble. Arthur Stanley, M.P., Chairman
of the Council, College of Nursing, Ltd.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LIMITED,
83, Pall Mall, S.W.

DEAR MADAM,—Your letter of the 7th instant only reached me this morning. In reply I have to say that I submitted my letter to you of October 4th to my Council at their Meeting on October 5th, and it was approved. Will you, therefore, take my letter of October 4th as my official answer to your letter of the 30th September?

I am, dear Madam, yours faithfully,
(Signed) ARTHUR STANLEY.

To Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.
October 10th, 1916.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE
REGISTRATION OF NURSES,
431, Oxford Street, W.
October 16th, 1916.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 10th inst., and note that your former letter

dated October 4th is the official answer for my Committee from the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Hon. Nurse Secretary.

To the Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P., M.V.O., C.B.,
Chairman of the Council of the College of
Nursing, Ltd.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE
REGISTRATION OF NURSES,
431, Oxford Street, London, W.
October 25th, 1916.

DEAR SIR,—We are directed to inform you that at the meeting of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, held in London on Saturday, October 21st, your letter of October 4th was read and considered, and it was resolved:—

“That the Central Committee regrets it cannot recede from the position it has taken up, and fully communicated to Mr. Stanley in the letter of September 30th, and it has therefore determined to proceed with its own Bill.”

We are, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Hon. Nurse Secretary.

(Signed) E. W. GOODALL,
Hon. Medical Secretary.

To the Honble. Arthur Stanley, M.P., M.V.O.,
C.B., Chairman of the Council of the College
of Nursing, Ltd.

COLLEGE OF NURSING, LIMITED,
6, Vere Street, W.
October 28th, 1916.

The Hon. Nurse Secretary, the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses.

DEAR MADAM,—The Hon. Arthur Stanley wishes me to thank you for your letter of the 25th inst., and to say that it will be placed before the Council of the College at its next meeting.

I remain, yours truly,
(Signed) M. S. RUNDLE,
Secretary.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LIMITED,
83, Pall Mall, S.W.
November 7th, 1916.

DEAR MADAM,—I am desired by the Council to acknowledge the Resolution of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses conveyed in your letter to me of the 25th ultimo, and to say that they much regret the abrupt termination by your Committee to negotiations for an Agreed Bill at a moment when substantial progress was believed to have been made. They fear that the action so taken may result in still further postponing State recognition of the Nursing Profession.

I am, dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) ARTHUR STANLEY.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

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