

COOMBE, Salisbury.

Sir:—

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 31st ult., bringing to my notice the object of the "Last Post" Imperial Naval and Military Contingency Fund.

A more estimable fund it would be difficult to imagine; but it is sad to think that it should be left to private individuals to provide a suitable burial for those who have served their country and offered their lives for the honour of the flag.

As it is the case, it is pleasant to know that there are people, many I hope, that will do their utmost to prevent cases occurring which would bring disgrace to the Government and to the community in general.

I hope your Fund will realize the support it deserves.

Yours faithfully,

.. (Sgd.) FRED W. BENSON, Maj.-Gen.

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10 Belgrave Crescent, Edinburgh.

Sir:—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 31st, in regard to the "Last Post" Fund.

The correspondence relating to its inception passed through my hands when I held the appointment of Military Secretary to the Governor-General of Canada, and I need hardly say that I wish the project every success and hope that ere long some arrangement may be made in Canada which will prevent the necessity for it.

I am, yours faithfully,

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Scottish Command, Edinburgh.