

I realize that, the members of the Girls Own Club being working girls, they have not much in the way of funds ~~with~~ which to make a contribution. As I told you yesterday, I should feel it a great privilege to be allowed to contribute, and that the tablet may lack no feature that may help to make it what you and others would care to have it be, I shall very gladly contribute double the amount I suggested to you yesterday toward it. If in so doing this may serve to add any features that are necessary to give it a chaste and beautiful effect. I think, for example, that the engraver might work in the little chain design of which you spoke, around the memorial features of the tablet, if that gave promise of improving its appearance; also it may be that one style of lettering may be more expansive than another. The engraver will know what is best, but here again I should gladly add something if the difference would help to occasion the choice of a more effective letter in the style that might be ultimately selected.

I think this covers in a rambling sort of way most of the points to which it is perhaps well to have attention directed. One other occurs to me in looking at the design, ^{that} that the chapter and verse of the quotation from Isaiah should perhaps be in Roman numerals instead of Arabic. Also, the placing of the lettering should be such that the running line in the margin ^{at the top} would just about fill that space across, whereas ~~the~~ ^{the} line at the bottom should I think occupy less space.

The engraver mentioned that he would submit a blue print of the design or a sketch drawing. If it would not be troubling you too much to let me have a look at this before it is finally passed upon by you, I should be very grateful. Often there are very little slips which pass unnoticed, or changes in spacing which are important, and the judgment of a number of interested friends sometimes helps to produce the best result.

It is a joy to me to have an opportunity of assisting you in this little service of love, and I cannot say how more than deeply grateful we all are to you and to the other friends and members of the Girls Own Club who are associating with you in arranging for this beautiful memorial to Isabel. If anyone was ever worthy of a recognition of this kind, she surely was. I have no doubt that a little tablet so beautifully expressive of her own thought and life and teaching as this one promises to be will help not only to keep her memory fresh in the minds of all who know her, but will be helpful in imparting to others, who as the years go by may look upon it, something of the spirit of her own beautiful and unselfish life.

Again with many thanks, Believe me, dear Nellie,

Yours very sincerely,

● King, Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie (MG
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● Death of Isabel King - Other
● correspondence 1915-1930