

February 13th, 1928.

Major-General E.C.Ashton,C.M.G.,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear General:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 11th of February, in which you ask me to go to Ottawa to deliver a lecture on Social Hygiene.

There are two reasons why it is impossible for me to accept. In the first place, I do not think that I would be a very satisfactory lecturer on that subject, or, to put it in another way, I am quite sure there are many others whom you can secure who would be much more worth while. In the second place, I am so overburdened with work that it is impossible to accept another engagement. In fact I wish I could get rid of some of the obligations already made.

I am glad the Ottawa Council has been fortunate enough to have you as President and I wish you and the organization every success.

Yours faithfully,