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1st October, 1928.

Dear Mr. King,

As a Trustee of the Dockland Settlements it gives me much pleasure to forward you the Lord Mayor's invitation to a Dinner which he is holding at the Mansion House on October 31st with the object of raising £45,000 needed to complete the rebuilding of the Canning Town Dockland Settlements and towards its maintenance.

The work of the Dockland Settlements is of national importance. They commenced on a small scale some twenty-five years ago at Canning Town and they now have large establishments in Canning Town, The Isle of Dogs, at Rotherhithe, and at Bristol, spreading their influence amongst tens of thousands of the youth of England.

We have recently been requested to open a fifth branch at Southampton and this is under consideration.

The King and Queen and many members of the Royal Family have manifested their interest by personal visits to the Settlements and by giving practical help and I am asking you to assist me in this appeal as much as you can.

If we obtain the £45,000 needed we shall not have to make another effort for at least three years.

I hope that you will be able to come to the Mansion House to hear the Rt. Hon. J.H. Thomas pleading for us and if you are unable to do so that you will send me a donation towards the fund.

Believe me,  
Yours very truly,

Trustee and Chairman of the Council.

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