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The Hon. W. E. McKenzie King,

Department of Labor,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir: -

We had a little correspondence re the Opium Traffic before you left for China. British papers as far as I can see have made but little reference to the results of that Conference of the Nations on the Opium curse, and what little I have see in United States papers gives us very little to be proud of.

But what I am writing about to-day is to congratulate you on your pronouncement at Harvard in favor of reason and rightwousness in place of war, and the suggestion of a Centennial Celebration and Monument to mark the end of one hundred years of Peace between the United States and Great Britain,a Peace in which Canada ought to realize that she has the greatest benefit. You will note by the paper on which this letter is written that I have become the Secretary of the Canadian Peace and Arbitration Society. At a meeting held by the Board two or three weeks ago a resolution was passed asking me to correspond with the proper parties in Canada, United States and England, to see if some arrangement could be made on a large scale by the union of Peace Societies, the Governments, other Associations and the people, in order to hold just such a celephration in the neighborhood of the Niagara Frontier; to erect some permanent monument of a Century of Peace accomplished, and to proclaim a treaty of Permanent Peace between English speaking races first of all -a League of Peace that should/ lead the world into a brotherhood.

I should like very much to consult with you personally as to the best method of bringing about the thing which you have proposed and which our Society had already decided to undertake.

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