

Ottawa, March 7, 1916.

Miss Nellie Douglas,
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My dear Nellie:

In accordance with my promise of yesterday respecting the memorial tablet which some of Isabel's friends and members of the Girls Own Club are thinking of erecting to her memory in the Institute, I am enclosing herewith a little design which sets forth the wording which to Mother, Father and myself seems appropriate to have placed on it. In accordance with your wishes, I talked over this matter with Father and Mother last night. We went carefully through quotations in Isabel's handwriting in her own Bible, and also looked through other books and passages she had marked. Nothing seemed to us more truly descriptive of her own character or of the lessons that by her life and work she sought to teach others, than the words "Little tenderesses, kindly looks, sweet laughter, loving words", which appear in the following quotation which is to be found in her own Bible written out in her own hand:

"The sun-beam is composed of millions of minute rays; so home-light must be constituted of little tenderesses, kindly looks, sweet laughter, loving words." Anon. It has seemed to us that besides these words being descriptive of Isabel's own life and character, they would be particularly appropriate on a tablet to be erected by the Girls Own Club, for they are words which doubtless Isabel has herself frequently used in teaching the girls, and they are words the meaning of which the girls themselves and those who succeed them in the Club will readily comprehend; and in fact they would be particularly appropriate as a motto for the Club itself. It has seemed to us that if these words were placed as a sort of little running border at the top of the tablet, and as a running border at the bottom were inserted the words, "Erected by friends and members of the Girls Own Club", the centre of the tablet within a small frame could be reserved for its distinctively memorial features.

In the little design we considered yesterday, you may remember we thought of having the St. Andrews Cross with the initials of the Girls Own Club, which is the Club's emblem, inserted in a little square at each of the four corners. On making a design after this fashion, it seemed to bring in this

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