

Ottawa, March 15, 1916.

Miss Nellie Douglas,
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Toronto.

My dear Nellie:

I was pleased to receive this morning your letter of yesterday. I agree with you that it would be well to omit the letters "G.O.C." on the St. Andrew's Cross. Also, though feeling differently about it at the outset, I agree that a granite slab would be preferable to the wood for the reasons mentioned. It need not be too heavy. I think perhaps it would be preferable to having the brass placed immediately against the wall. That can be done with bronze, but I think the brass looks better mounted.

Mr. Strachan's suggestion of having the tablet in the church has much to commend it, and I should be glad to see it there, but I imagine that it would more appropriately find a place in the Institute, and that for the present at least that would be the best place to erect it. It should be where working girls are likely to see it, for it was their lives with which Isabel was concerned, and such message as the tablet has to convey I think should be for them first.

I have given a good deal of thought to Father's opinion that the implied reference to Isabel in the words descriptive of her characteristics should be made more direct, and I sent him by letter yesterday an alternative inscription. I like it in many ways quite as well as the one I sent you, but it omits the reference to her 22years association with the Institute and to her being one of the founders of the Girls Own Club, both of which, as indicative of the substantial part of her life work and the real reason for the erection of the tablet, should, I think, find a place on it.

Since sending this draft to Father I have worked over several others, and I now enclose one which seems to me more appropriate than either the draft sent Father or the draft originally sent to you. I have been studying a number of different inscriptions in biographies that I have in my library and in this last draft have been guided to some extent by what they have suggested as to form and wording.

● King, Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie (MG
26 J 7 volume 18) Miss Isabel King - re:
● Death of Isabel King - Other
● correspondence 1915-1930