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Rev. E.B. Wyllie,  
St. Andrew's Kirk,  
Chatham, N.B.

Dear Dr. Wyllie:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 9th, in which you have done me the honour of asking me to unveil a Memorial Tablet commemorating the service of those members of your congregation who fell in the War.

I have always felt it a duty to participate in such services whenever possible and have unveiled a great many memorials throughout Canada. During the last few weeks, though, I have been forced to give up all outside engagements and have cancelled those already made for some two months ahead. I found that my work in connection with the University was so heavy that it was not fair to the University or to my own health to try to do so much. Most reluctantly, therefore, do I say to you that it will be impossible for me to go.

I have not forgotten, I never can forget, the honour which was mine in being permitted to command in the Great War the Canadian Corps. Nothing could exceed the courage, the devotion to duty, or the splendid ideals which actuated those men in the severest tests which men had ever been called upon to undergo. How great a factor they were in winning the final victory is not yet appreciated by themselves or by their fellowcountrymen in Canada. My pride in them has been increased by their conduct since returning home. The change from the experiences of the battlefields to civil life was a very great one and called for the exercise of the same high ideals on their part, as well as