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Kingsmere, Que.,  
August 3, 1916.

Miss Mariel Shortt,  
5 Marlborough Avenue,  
Ottawa.

Dear Miss Shortt:

I have been thinking over the quotation I sent you for the Favorite Quotation Calendar. While its meaning is self-evident to those who are familiar with the poem, it has occurred to me that the lines by themselves may convey a wrong impression to the reader, and if it is not too late I should be obliged if you would substitute for the quotation I have sent you the following familiar lines from Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard":

"Let not ambition mock their useful toil,  
Their homely joys, and destiny obscure;  
Nor grandeur hear with a disdainful smile  
The short and simple annals of the poor."

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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