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But I know it is a waste of time giving arguments to you as to why a Dominion organization is desirable. Shortly after I assumed the Presidency I was very sorry to learn of the difference of opinion that had arisen between what might be called the parent body and the organization doing the same work in Saskatchewan.

Frankly, I think a little more tolerance might have been shewn on both sides. I cannot agree with the action taken by the Dominion organization in the notices inserted in Saskatchewan papers. Technically they may have been right, but politically it was a very short-sighted movement. I believe they did it from the best of motives and I believe they are sorry their act provoked so much hostility. It must have given outsiders a wrong impression. Here were two organizations engaged in the really splendid work and noble service of giving indigent soldiers a decent burial and they fall out amongst themselves. It is not a very good example to set before our fellow-citizens, to whom we are always preaching the doctrine of co-operation, tolerance and goodwill and finding our examples in the relations which existed between comrades "over there".

I have been informed that the Dominion organization sent you a resolution which they passed on the 21st of May 1923. I know it was forwarded with the best goodwill in the world and I believe its terms are such that the Regina organization can subscribe to it. I am writing to you as an old friend and as an old comrade to ask you to use your influence to get the Regina fellows to become part of the Dominion organization. Won't you do this? I shall be very glad if you shew this letter to Colonel McAra, whom I remember very well.