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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
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Dear Sir:

For the past three years this church has done a large relief work. It will interest you to know that the said relief work is now and part at least being taken over by the township. Consequently I am devoting myself more toward the matters pertaining definitely to my church.

Yesterday the bailiff called at the Parsonage and in this we are in such a dilemma we do not know which way to turn. The mortgage company are pressing us for interest payments which are now far in arrears. This is a more serious fact owing to the unfortunate conditions that the guarantors of the mortgage are in. Of the five who signed the mortgage, only two are working, and their income is such that beyond their present weekly contribution to the church, they can do no other thing. One of the trustees, an iron moulder, who gave regularly \$2.00 a week to the church, has now had only a week or two employment in two years. The only thing of his that can be attached is a little home. My first plea is to save these men who so unselfishly guaranteed the mortgage.

The amount that is outstanding on the Parsonage is: two year's taxes, amounting to about \$500.00 and over one year's interest on the mortgage. In addition to this, we are nearly two years back on the interest of the mortgage of the church, and part of last year's and all of this year's taxes.

The congregation is loyal and are coming to church in large numbers, but copers and five cent pieces have replaced the twenty-five cents and the dollar bill. We are doing everything we can. Our Women's association is busy. Every organization within the church is getting behind this load. Six weeks ago five letters were sent out asking assistance for this struggling suburban congregation and only one reply has been received and that from Sir Joseph Flavelle and he sent along a very good contribution.

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