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Ottawa, November 23, 1916.

Miss Lillian C. Cadwell,  
Secretary, The Women Teachers' Guild,  
273 Rutledge Street,  
Peterboro, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

Before leaving the city last night, Mr. Mackenzie King asked me to acknowledge your communication of the 17th instant, in which you invite him to deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Women Teachers' Guild of Peterboro. Unfortunately, owing to the number and nature of Mr. King's engagements for the approaching months, it will be impossible for him to do anything in the nature of public speaking for a considerable time. I am desired, therefore, to express to you Mr. King's regret that an acceptance of your kind invitation cannot be given at this time.

Mr. King much appreciates the honour which your request implies, and has asked me to convey to you, and through you to the members of the Guild, his cordial thanks for the invitation extended.

Yours very truly,

Private Secretary.

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