

in close proximity with others who had also defended their country in a military capacity, has allowed its limited burial spaces to become semi-official military cemeteries. This privilege cannot go on longer, but there has been proved the widespread desire of citizens of Canada to see their soldiers properly honored in death whether they die while actively engaged in the army, or subsequently become the victims of misfortune after demobilization.

The Association desires to see the Government itself take up, as a **public obligation**, such work, from the hands of a volunteer Association for the future, as the time is now ripe, and public sentiment is sufficiently awakened.

If the reader will glance at the subjoined extracts from letters, dating from 1909, welcoming the object of this Association, there will be wonder that there was ever a need for such an organization to point such a moral.

The "Last Post" Association is especially pleased to see the ideals of its primary object about to be realized **elsewhere**. In this regard the reader is referred to a recent letter received by the Secretary of the Association from Sir Frederick G. Kenyon, Advisor to the Imperial Graves Registration Commission, advocating that **State aid** be given for the burial of any sailor or soldier, even in a **civil cemetery** if it should be requested. Sir Frederick after recognizing that the primary object of this Association was "a fine and noble one," pointed out, that in England "an order was issued early in the war that **no soldier should be buried as a pauper, and no one can question the propriety of such an order.**"

This quotation may rightly conclude the foreword, as being indirectly a fitting tribute to the pioneering work of the "Last Post" Fund started in 1909, before there was ever a thought of the conditions aroused by the aftermath of the Great War.

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