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Dr. A. Grant Fleming,  
Managing Director,  
Montreal Anti-Tuberculosis and General Health League,  
M O N T R E A L.

Dear Sir:-

Let me thank you for courtesy in sending a report of the meeting of the League held on the 2nd inst.

The financial condition revealed is greatly to be regretted, meaning as it does the early curtailment, if not the closing, of the League's important work.

The public meeting of March 24th, 1924, was the result of suggestions, but the citizens who were present do not seem to have realized that the action taken then carried inferentially more than a moral obligation on the part of the public. I thought the movement an excellent one and expressed approval by sending a subscription of \$100,000, believing that there would be many others willing to support it. You will recall that at the time you were discussing the question of undertaking the management that I expressed the fullest confidence in the prospect of public confidence, and to help you in deciding to come I guaranteed your salary for five years.

When after two years, during which time I had taken some trouble to gauge public appreciation I suggested that the League should become a unit of Federated Charities as the best solution of the League's financial problems.

This suggestion was made only because of the seeming indifference of private citizens who were able, and should have been willing, to help. It was after much endeavour that I prevailed upon prominent members of the Executive of the Federation to recommend the admission of the League as a unit. The Executive of the League did not see its way to concur in my opinion and the question of entering the Federation had to be abandoned.

Your work and that of your staff and the unpaid Executive, have been most praiseworthy, and it is my opinion that the inevitable decision to close operations at the end of 1928 is greatly to be deplored. The Survey resolved upon should be of great value in helping to strengthen public sentiment on a question suffering from public apathy and official neglect.

Yours sincerely,

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