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Ottawa, March 21, 1916.

Mr. C. K. Calhoun,  
General Secretary  
Young Men's Christian Association,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

I am sorry that other engagements will prevent me from accepting your invitation to address a gathering of members and friends of the Montreal Young Men's Christian Association on Monday evening next. Because of important work I have in hand, I have felt it necessary to decline all invitations to speak, for some time to come, but apart from this circumstance, which would have occasioned me to feel that I should decline in any event, having refused other invitations on this ground, I have an engagement for March 27th, which would make it impossible for me to be in Montreal on that date.

I appreciate very much the cordial words of your invitation, and your kindness in telegraphing me; also Mr. McMaster's kindness in supplementing by wire the invitation you have sent.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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