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March 20th, 1916.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
Ottawa,
Ont.

Dear Mr. King:-

Following my telegram of this morning, I would explain that we are holding an important and representative meeting of our members on Monday evening next, March 27th, in order to launch a plan for recruiting our membership in the City to offset the large loss which we have experienced in the enlistment and departure of so many of our members for the front.

Over nine hundred of our members have enlisted and we are getting to the point where we have to strengthen the Association in its home work as well as in its outlook upon the National need at this time.

As you know, the Associations everywhere have been most active in their efforts on behalf of the soldiers, and we have not made a public appeal of any kind as yet, and even now are only doing so in the case of new members whom we feel should step in and take the places of those who have gone.

We have felt that your presence and your message would be of the greatest possible service at a time like this, and particularly so because of the work in which you have recently been engaged on behalf of labor conciliation. Your work has been of such a valuable and constructive public character that we would feel quite safe in whatever message you might bring.

Mr. McMaster, who is one of our interested and good friends, is also communicating with you.

We are all earnestly hoping it may be possible for you to respond to our invitation, and I can assure you of our warm appreciation. Awaiting your reply, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

C. K. Calhoun

General Secretary.

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