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THE TEMPLE, LONDON
DATE AS PER POSTMARK

My dear Caine,

I hope this finds you better. I am sorry that the intense pressure of Zionistic work makes it impossible to give the time I can save from that to anything but fulfilling existing contracts, such as one from Harper's in which I am almost a year behind.

The Zionists of Liverpool are appealing to me to open a new hall that they have obtained for their work, and they suggest that on that occasion I shall endeavour to obtain you as chairman, since your relation to Liverpool would make your appearance doubly appropriate.

I am afraid that I shall have to refuse. The Movement has reached such a critical point that my presence in London is necessary; but assuming that I could have persuaded ^{you} ~~me~~ to do as they wish, it would take no more of your time to open the hall and deliver the address yourself.

I should have put it to you that such a date could be chosen as would enable you to manage it on your way to the Isle of Man, and perhaps if you intend to return thither within a reasonable period, you could arrange to adopt this suggestion of replacing me. However, though I feel in duty bound to make it for the good of the Cause, your present regrettable state of health does not encourage me to expect an affirmative. I shall however, be glad to have your reply, that I may incorporate it in my own to them, which I have delayed.

An article of mine in this week's 'Speaker' practically summarizes the present position.

With best wishes for your speedy and complete recovery,

Yours sincerely,

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