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8th December 1914.

Dear Madam,

The Bishop of London desires me to thank you for your letter and to say that the Evangelical Council very carefully made the arrangements for the twenty-fours Intere-
 cession at St. Paul's Cathedral. They certainly did not wish it to appear that they did not appreciate the prayers of Church women ~~as~~. They generally felt however after the whole matter had been carefully discussed that it might cause some scandal if it were thought that the church was encouraging young women to be out late at night and returning to their homes in the middle of the night; for this reason, and for this reason alone it was felt to be desirable to ask men only to be in the Cathedral during the night hours. It is hardly necessary to say how much the Bishop values the prayers and support of the many earnest Church women in this Diocese and he hopes that if any misunderstanding has arisen owing to the fact that they have not been invited to St. Paul's during the night, you will be able so far as you have the opportunity to explain the reason which has caused this step to have been taken.

Yours faithfully,

H. G. Averill

Private Secretary.