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Dear Professor Pilcher:-

I received your letter of the 20th of February, together with the enclosures, and a little later I received from Mr. Beatty the various reports which you had sent him.

There appears to be no doubt that the situation in Germany is a very serious one and that great privations are being suffered. Naturally one would like to support any effort to bring relief to suffering humanity wherever the necessity exists. I have given considerable thought to this matter since my interview with Canon Shatford and have concluded that the question of sending relief to Germany has many aspects peculiar to itself.

Germany claims inability to pay reparations. Whether the Allies believe her or not, they consider it necessary to ascertain the truth for themselves. It is very difficult for even the most fair-minded people here to judge her ability to look after her own poor.

On account of the position I held with the Canadian Corps I feel that I cannot take an altogether independent attitude. There are so many and so urgent wants at home, even among those who have deserved well of their country; there is so much need for help among those who lost fathers,