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March 27, 1916.

Dear Sir:

I am so much obliged for your letter, and am delighted to find that you think the poster has been well done.

I am sending you 1 dozen copies of each size. We are having the original reproduced in smaller size on art paper, and issuing this on the front page of a new appeal to the British Empire signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Mayor of London, the Duke of Norfolk, Lords Lansdowne, Rosebery and Bryce, Mr. John Redmond, M.P., Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., Labour Leader, Cardinal Bourne and the heads of the Presbyterian and Jewish denominations. This reproduction will, I think, please you as a bit of printing.

The poster has been reproduced in hundreds of papers throughout the country, and has been widely commented upon. We have had 150,000 printed, but our Committees find it so effective, and are asking for so many, that I expect we shall have to run off some more, so we shall probably be using the blocks for some months to come. I will, however, see that

they are not left to the printer, and will, of course, only too gladly make any disposition of them which you may suggest.

As regards the original, I am afraid I have made a dreadful faux pas, and I am going to throw myself on your kindness in this particular. When I returned from America, and shewed Mr. Hoover the original he said that the one thing he would like to have as a souvenir of his work was your original drawing.

As the whole of the work connected with Belgium has been originated, carried on and brought to wonderful efficiency by Mr. Hoover's night and day labours - he has entirely neglected his enormous business interests from the day he was begged to undertake the work - and as he has never asked, and in fact declined the highest honours that could be bestowed upon him by the various countries in recognition of his work, I was delighted to find that we had, as I thought, something in our possession which Mr. Hoover really wanted. I therefore, without any hesitation, and to the great satisfaction of our Committee, all of whom would have given their eyes to have your original drawing, gave it to Mr. Hoover.

You see the position. I wonder if the lady to whom you gave the original could find it in her heart to be public-spirited enough to confirm my unauthorised gift to a man who has done so much for humanity, and to whom we as a nation are so much indebted? If she would do this, I would, on behalf

of our Committee, convey to her our most sincere thanks, and at the same time apologise for the blunder which in all ignorance I committed.

Again with many thanks for the great service you have done to Belgium,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. Macpoode

Hon. Secretary.

Louis Raemaekers Esq.
Tolsown House, Dulwich, S.E.

P.S. I am so sorry to find we have no large posters left in the office, but as soon as ever they come in I will have a dozen sent on to you.