

(From secretary's notebook)

(To Prof. Maurice Jastrow, Phila.)

Dear Jastrow:

Thanks so much for your kind letter and for your contribution.\* These are very trying times and it must be awfully hard for you with your strong German ties. I, too, have such a love for so many of my old teachers and friends in Germany that it is very sad to think of the chasm that the war will cause. There is not much chance of an early settlement I fear. There has to be a smash one side or the other, and in either case it will be very bad for civilization, but at this stage of the game the world cannot afford to have a military domination. The country here is in fine form; it is astonishing to see its conversion into a huge camp. There are nearly a million men in training and everybody is showing a fine spirit.

Greetings to you from us both. We have 15 Belgian professors and their families comfortably settled, but of course it is going to be no easy task to support them for an indefinite period. Most of them are without resources of any sort.

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(\*Reply to letter from Prof. Jastrow enclosing contribution for the Louvain professors.)