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St. Mary's,
Carshalton Park Road,
Carshalton,
Surrey. *England*
22nd October, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Recently when I was in Holland I bought a copy of a collection of your cartoons entitled "Wereld-Wee". Those to whom I have shown them in this country have expressed their high appreciation of your work. It has been suggested to me that a useful effect might be produced if certain of your cartoons could be published along with others in a small volume to be issued, not only in this country but elsewhere, dealing more especially with the question of Prussian militarism. How far it would be possible to give effect to this would depend on the extent to which the various artists were prepared to allow their work to be used for this purpose. The volume would not be published commercially, but would be issued at a nominal price and almost certainly at a loss, and it would be distributed as far as possible in America, in this country, and in such countries in Europe as it was possible to obtain access to.

While it is possible that it may not be practicable to do anything in this way I should be glad if you could let

me know provisionally whether you would be prepared to allow any of your work to be used in this way, assuming that it is possible to obtain from other sources a sufficient number of cartoons to fill out a small volume. I had regarded at least six of the cartoons in "Wereld-Wee" as being applicable for this purpose, and to these I have added as also suitable, two which I have seen in the "Telegraaf", viz. the cartoon dealing with Rheims Cathedral, and a more recent one entitled "Kreuzland über Alles".

Perhaps you will allow me, though a stranger, to express my sympathy with you in the difficult position in which you have been placed by the action against the "Telegraaf", and my appreciation of the work which you have done in putting before your countrymen what you regard as the true aspect of affairs. It is largely because your work is not known here as it ought to be that I venture to hope that you may be willing to allow some use to be made of it in furthering a cause which at present has been made somewhat more difficult for you to carry out in your own country.

If you would prefer to address me in your own language it will be quite convenient for me.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

Alexander Gray

Mr. Louis Raemaekers.