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Dear Mr. Feakins,

Just as I had sent my letter of the 11th instant I received your kind letter of the 30th ultimo and cabled you yesterday as follows:

"Suggest aftermath war describing relief work, no more war without pictures. Russian famine with pictures and moving film but no moving for exploration subjects. Agree end March."

I regret much that I have no moving pictures for the lectures about Polar exploration of the past or the future, as my expeditions in the "Fram" and across Greenland took place before the time of the movies, but I have good lantern slides for Polar exploration, and I should hope that they will do. When I was last in Washington, the National Geographical Society there expressed the hope that I would be able to appear before them when next I came to Washington. I think I could give you the choice of three different kind of lectures connected with my work for the repatriation of 1/2 million prisoners of war, and my work for the relief of 1 1/2 million Greek refugees and for the Armenian refugees and Russian refugees. For this lecture I have no pictures. Another subject might be "No more war" describing the work for World Peace, the League of Nations etc. with no pictures. And then "The Russian Famine" (1921/22) describing our relief work in Russia and the sufferings of millions of starving people. For this lecture I have lantern slides and moving pictures. I hope this will give you the information you wish in this respect.

As to your question about the time, I am willing to go on lecturing till the end of March, provided that you can get sufficient lectures to fill up the last week.

I believe I have now answered the various questions in your letter. I may add that besides these humanitarian lectures and the lectures on Polar expedition, I should also be willing to speak at some University on more scientific subjects, especially perhaps on "The vertical movements of the Earth's crust and its Isostasy (its level of equilibrium), but this is, of course, quite scientific (with pictures if I know beforehand so that I get time to prepare them).

I do not think there is much more to be said at present. I am glad to understand from your letter that you are already making arrangements for good meetings. I can assure you that I will do my best, and I look much forward to meet you. I have no objection to speak as often as it might be desired, but I do hope they will not