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23rd, September, 1919.

Dear Sir William Osler,

We have received urgent letters from Dr. Munro about Prof. Wenckeback coming to England. He tells us that he sent you a telegram asking whether you could arrange for his passports. The Save The Children Fund would regard it as of the utmost value to get Prof. Wenckeback over here, and we should like to be able to start arranging meetings for him as soon as we know of the approximate date of his arrival. It would be most kind of you if you would let me know by ~~the~~ wire what steps you have been able to take and how far the matter has got. Dr. Munro tells us that he has written to Mr. Cecil Harmsworth and I should not think there ought to be any difficulty if you support the application for passports.

We had a letter the other day from Sir William Goode in which he said our work was "invaluable", but expressed disappointment that there had not been a general response to the scheme for a £ for £ grant. He had thought it would do more to stimulate the generosity of the public. From my experience in the work I know myself that the cause of this lack of response is the extraordinary ~~response~~ degree of scepticism which still prevails among the widest circles as regards the famine situation. I should ~~like~~ like the great majority of the people in our country are still quite unaware of the appalling conditions in Vienna and elsewhere. This of course is due to the fact that the press, with two or three exceptions, boycotts the subject as much as possible. We need the first-hand testimony of as many authoritative people as possible, and we feel that Prof. Wenckeback might do a great deal in helping us to stir up public opinion here. We feel sure you will do all you can to help the project.

Yours very truly,

Dorothy Buxton