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## Letter from L. Barbezat to John Muir, 1914 Oct 24.

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Oct. 24, 1916.

Dear Mr. Muri.

Your letter of 1<sup>st</sup> inst, reached me yesterday, I was very glad to hear again from you, and must thank you for your kind words regarding our little country and for what your people are doing for us; at present we are comparatively well off, the war has done us indirectly a great deal of harm but, we can shift along and must think of relieving these poor Belgians who, have practically lost their whole and are homeless and starving.

We are preparing and getting ready to receive and maintain all those who will accept our Swiss hospitality while their country is still in the hands of the barbarian hordes of Germany, and if you can do something for them, we will be only too glad to know every one helps those who are most in need and they are many, more than we could relieve ourselves.

I am planning going over to the States and lecture there with projections "over 200" I intend devoting half of the proceeds for the relief of the Belgians; do you think if I go there I could bring in a tidy little amount, the other 1/2 would cover my own expenses.

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I have written already to several friends in U.S.A. and if all goes well I would start after New Year; may I count on you, you have so many friends every where to whom you could recommend me and who could give me some assistance and prepare my ground a little to save time and money.

Thanking you in anticipation and wishing good health and a good winter.

Yours very faithfully  
W. Barbezat

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Switzerland.

24. October 1914.