

St. John Ruysbroeck. Dec. 2, 1948

My dear and honored friend, I write this letter on the day consecrated to the Flemish saint Ruysbroeck (Introd. 3, 580-2) who is perhaps not as well known in Barcelona as he is in Brussels: he is one of the greatest men of the XIVth cent. - I had written to you on Nov. 29 to inquire whether you had received my vol. 3, and today I received with great pleasure your friendly letter telling me that you had. As to my own negligence in thanking you for your book on Abraham b. Ezra - please forgive me. I was away for seven months and upon my return found here a mountain of books and an accumulation of duties. In the meanwhile your book had been sent for review to Prof. Carmody in Paris, and hence I have not even seen it. Soon after our return, my good wife had to suffer a cruel operation (cancer of the breast) and this upset our family. She is doing as well as possible but I am still very anxious.

As to recommending one of your young friends for a lectureship in Spanish I am afraid I would not be able to help. The Romance and Spanish departments in our universities are run by Hispanic scholars (Americans and Spaniards or Portuguese) who would not ask my advice in such matters, & nor take it if I offered it.

I am transmitting your letter to Wolfson - who is so deeply immersed in his work (like a medieval rabbi) that he forgets everything else. I have asked the Medicines Academy to elect you as a foreign member, but my request must be submitted to a vote. The dedication of your one of your books would be a great honor indeed, which I would appreciate. Please offer my most respectful homage to Señora Vendrell de Millás. Yours devotedly

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