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My dear and honored colleague;

Your good letter of Dec. 20 including Christmas and New Year wishes arrived in time for Easter! Let us hope that mine will travel more quickly. The book on Luis Vives has not yet arrived, but I thank you for it. I am now reading the proofs of my vol. III (Science and learning in the fourteenth century) but that book is so large (larger than vol. II) that a full year will elapse before its publication. Of course, a copy of it will be duly mailed to you, and I shall be most anxious to know what you think of it. Vol. I has long been out of print and is practically unobtainable. Though 2500 copies were issued, second-hand copies appear very seldom in the market and then are sold at fancy prices (\$60 and more). I hope, however, that a photographic reprint of it may be published at the time of publication of vol. III; this would make possible the sale of complete sets. These matters are out of my control and do not affect me in any way as I am not entitled to any royalties.

I am now offering the fourth of my cycle of courses on the history of science and have 150 students which is far too much. As that cycle extends over two years I never repeat the same lectures. Even when I come back to the same subjects, so much time has elapsed since my previous treatment of them that my new presentation is very different.

I am ashamed to say that I have not yet seen a single copy of *Sefarad*, but Prof. Wolfson has promised me that he would persuade our library to subscribe to it. The number of periodicals is so enormous and mortgage such a large proportion of the library's budget that it is not by any means easy to obtain an additional subscription.

I hope this letter will find you and your family in good health. Please accept for Señora Millas the homage of my great respect and for yourself that of my admiration and friendship.

Sincerely yours,

  
George Sarton

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