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Dear and honored friend,

Your kind letter of May 9 reached ~~reached~~ me only on August 13 and I did not answer it at once, because I wanted my answer to be typed and my secretary was absent on her vacation. My wife and I will go for a week to the sea-shore this month; this will be our first vacation in five years! As a matter of fact I do not feel that I need a vacation, except that I am always happy to stop the university lectures which interrupt my work periodically. As long as I can work according to my own will and rhythm, steadily but slowly, I am happy. My tiredness is due less to work than to worry. Happily the war which began on July 18, 1936 is now almost finished; it is won but the price to pay for victory is fantastic and the people of our generation will hardly know complete peace and prosperity.

The Harvard Library has promised to subscribe to Sefarad; this will be done indirectly through their agents. Proofreading and indexing of my vol. III will not be completed before the end of 1946. The publication of Isis has been much reduced and delayed by the war; the last no. of vol. 35 (1944) has but just appeared. Dr. Meyerhof died last April, working almost to the last moment. I received his last letter two months after his death!

I noticed in Luzac's catalogue that a Catalan translation of Ibn Wāfid had been published by Luis Farando de Saint Germain in Barcelona. I suppose you know the author. Could you not persuade him to send a review copy to Isis? I cannot write to him, because I do not know his address and Luzac does not name the publisher.

My respect to Señora Millás and my admiration and best confraternal greetings to you. Prof. Wolfson sends his kind regards.

  
George Sarton

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When the publication of Isis was intrusted to the Harvard Printing Office, the Editor was relieved because he fondly imagined that his difficulties (e.g., concerning the printing of Greek, mathematical or chemical formulas,) were over. Unfortunately, other difficulties occurred. The H.P.O. is obliged to give priority to the work required by Harvard University, and an acute labor shortage leaves it little strength for ought else. As a result the publication of Isis has been terribly slowed up. We have not yet been able to complete vol. 35 (of 1944); the final number of that vol., no. 102, is now in page proof. We beg members of the HSS, contributors to and readers of Isis to be as patient as we must be ourselves.

Good news has been received from the Belgian printers, St. Catherine Press, in Bruges. The remaining stock of Isis and Osiris has been saved. No. 84, completing vol. 31 of Isis will be mailed to those entitled to it as soon as possible. Vol. 32 of Isis and vols. 8-9 of Osiris, the printing of which was stopped by the German invasion, will be published as soon as circumstances permit, not before 1946, perhaps not before 1947.

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