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**Prof. Ignaz Goldziher,**  
**Budapest, Hungary.**

Dear Sir:

Owing to the fact that the three volumes of the Jewish Encyclopedia now issued exceed by almost a whole volume its original plan we have found it necessary to consult with the members of the Editorial Board for the purpose of adopting means by which it shall be possible for us to complete the work in twelve volumes---the number originally agreed on and beyond which it is absolutely imperative that we do not go. The Editorial Executive Committee has adopted the following resolutions:

- (1) RESOLVED that in view of the recognized necessity for reducing the amount of material now being furnished for the Jewish Encyclopedia it is the sense of the Board of Editors that a reduction shall be made by the omission of unessential topics or unessential categories.
- (2) RESOLVED that no title of a subject that is liable to repetition, or that belongs in more than one department, shall be assigned by an Editor in whose department it falls in part before he consults with his colleague or colleagues concerned.
- (3) RESOLVED that all non-Jewish personages of importance to Jewish history shall be included as far as practicable in general articles treating the countries in which their activities have been felt.
- (4) RESOLVED that in the case of Jewish persons who have not worked on distinctly Jewish lines a biography shall be given with a mention of only their principal works and of the reviews in which they have written. For more extended lists of their achievements reference shall be made to publication in which complete bibliography or notes of their work can be found.

As these resolutions will not altogether effect the necessary contraction required to restrict the Encyclopedia to twelve volumes; other measures to effect this may suggest themselves to you. If so we shall feel obliged if you will permit us to benefit by them.

Having had the opportunity of examining Volumes I-III you are no doubt in a position to give us some helpful suggestions on the subject of condensation, and any ideas that you may have that will enable us to restrict the work to the twelve volumes advertised will be heartily welcomed. Kindly favor us with answers to the questions which you will find on the flyleaf. In the event of your preferring to write us more fully on the subject we shall be glad to have you do so.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply,

Very truly yours,

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