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Dear Professor Goldziker,

Your kind message

of last December reached me, after some delay, in Italy where I then was, and I take much blame to myself for not having sooner acknowledged and reciprocated your good wishes. Will

You please accept the present note, although so late, of cordial thanks, with the assurance that I do not forget our pleasant meetings in

London and Cambridge in 1892?

I hope that you are very well, and enjoying your work. Shortly after the lamented death of our friend Professor Robertson Smith I came to London in connection with some literary work, and have been living here almost continuously ever since. One of my occupations has been in connection with a new Critical Dictionary of the Bible, which Smith and

I had often talked over, and in afterwards he was taken away, -
the planning and arrangement. One of the arrangements was
for which we had made some provision that a certain number of the
press before his health broke down. Articles contributed ^{by Smith} to the Encyclo.
In his last days Smith suggested paucora Britannica were to be re-
to Cheyne & Oxford as well as, read and brought down to date
to myself that Cheyne and by himself or friends, and that
I should take up the Dictionary has already been done to a con-
any book together, and promised considerable extent by Bevan,
that if we did so he would Cheyne, Dover and others.
help us as far as his strength I had reserved for myself
allowed him. But very shortly the article Sacrifice (of which



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a copy is booked along with this). My intention was - while retaining as nearly as possible the scheme of the article, and its fundamental conception, - to bring it as nearly as possible into agreement with his latest views as recorded in the Religion of the Semites, second Edition, or elsewhere, and to take ac-



count of the expressed opinions of other scholars. But I find myself so fully occupied with editorial work, and with employments in various directions that I find I must abandon this idea. I venture therefore to ask whether you could assist us in this? Whether you feel yourself in sufficient sympathy with Smith's main idea to be able to ~~sign~~ join

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Your signature with his own kind service we should like to
in connection with this article? have the article in the course of
The scope of the article contains the summary. If you wrote it in
plated is indicated by that which German we should do our best
I now send; in length the need to get it well translated. The rate
article might extend to about of payment is two guineas
one half more. In any points (£2.2/) per page of 1250
of detail where you found your words - ~~or half star for~~ for
self at variance with Smith New matter, and one guinea
this could be indicated by the per page for revised matter.
use of footnotes or of square I hope you will give
brackets. If you undertake this this proposal your favour.



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able consideration and let
me have an early reply.

One aspect of sacrifice
as treated in the Religion
of the Semites Smith thought
would require a separate article
in the Dictionary, that namely
of the Mutilations which are
referred to in the English
Bible as Cuttings of the



Flesh, or Marks (Compare
Baldwin &c.). Would you care
to give us an article of 2000
words or so on this subject
both from the Biblical and
from the Comparative Religion
point of view?

Again thanking you for
your kind message, and
with renewed greetings,

I remain
Yours very sincerely
John Black over

I shall be glad to answer he should like the an-
any questions you may wish him to give prominence
to ask. — The Dictionary is at least to his fundamental
fairly well advanced, and ideas on the subject of the
he expects to be ready within ^{various} scope and meanings of
a year. — Of course it sacrifices
least suggested that you
should adhere slavishly to
the words of Robertson
Smith at any point; but