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Dear Sir:

The Menorah Educational Conference--the Faculty Division of the Intercollegiate Menorah Association--is interested in listing the studies (both published and unpublished) of members of American faculties and learned societies, on subject matters within the scope of Menorah interests, i.e. bearing on Jewish culture and ideals.

Our list should include works not only in Departments of History, Theology, and Semitics, where one would naturally look for such materials, but more particularly studies in other fields of academic endeavor in which Jewish experience has heretofore been used for illustrative purposes only casually and by pioneers. Thus in the field of law, Dean Wigmore's study of the Pledge Idea includes a comparison of Talmudic law with that of other peoples. Essays in comparative literature, folklore, philosophy, music, etc. will readily occur to specialists in the several fields.

The list when published will, it is hoped, serve many purposes. (1) It will stimulate the further exploitation of the rich materials of Jewish history by scholars. (2) It will serve as a valuable bibliography and guide to the student. (3) It may lead to the publication (in the Menorah Journal or elsewhere) of valuable studies that have heretofore been laid aside by their authors without reaching the wider audiences to which some of them are entitled. (4) Co-operation and helpful criticism among scholars dealing with the same material from different points of view will be fostered. (5) Menorah Societies will be introduced to a wider circle of lecturers than has heretofore been available. (6) Finally--and to us this is the most important consideration--a fair estimate will be made possible of the progress of the study of Jewish culture and ideals, in which negative conclusions showing where the gaps are will be quite as important as positive ones.

May we ask you to give a bibliography and account of your own work along these lines and any information about your colleagues' work that you may deem of interest to us?

If you are interested, we shall be glad to send you a copy of the list when completed.

Thanking you, we are

Yours faithfully,

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