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In reply please quote No.



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Prof. Goldziher,  
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Budapest.

Dear Sir,

We regret to have to inform you that it has been decided not to hold the Hebrew University Conference in Basel as intended. ~~The Secretary of the Education Department has been informed of this decision and has expressed his regret that no inconvenience has been caused to you.~~ We sincerely hope that no inconvenience has been caused to you.

From letters received by us it appeared that the time chosen - the third week in January - would have been rather inconvenient to many University lecturers. The reason for choosing that date was that in the present state of affairs it would have been very difficult for several of the Zionist leaders who have been most intimately connected with the University work to attend the Conference, unless it was held in conjunction with the Zionist Annual Conference which was to meet at Basel on the 18th January.

Owing however to a new development in the political situation and the approaching conclusion of Peace with Turkey the Zionist Annual Conference has had to be postponed quite unexpectedly, one chief reason being that the presence of many of our leaders will be absolutely necessary elsewhere.

We have therefore regretfully decided to postpone the Hebrew University Conference until a future date, when it will be more convenient for the University lecturers to attend, and when other obstacles will have been removed.

In view of this postponement we propose to make use of the time before us to push on with the preparatory work, and we are considering schemes for that purpose.

We were highly gratified by the interest and enthusiasm in the cause of the Hebrew University revealed in the answers we received from numbers of Jewish scholars to our invitation to the Conference, and as soon as we have decided on definite plans, we trust that it will be possible to secure their co-operation during this interval also. We sincerely hope that we may count on your further sympathy and assistance.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

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*Chayim Weizmann*

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