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THE JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW

NEW SERIES

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EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE New Series of THE JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW, the first number of which is herewith presented to the public, forms the continuation of the twenty stately volumes edited, under the same name, from 1888 to 1908, by Mr. Israel Abrahams and Mr. Claude G. Montefiore. In the issue of October, 1907, the Editors announced their intention, at the end of the current fiscal year, to discontinue the publication of their periodical, by reason of the many duties devolving upon them, which made it impossible for them to continue their laborious editorial work.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, held in June, 1908, the announcement of the proposed discontinuance of the QUARTERLY elicited a general expression of regret, and it was then resolved not to allow the only organ for Jewish learning in the English language to disappear. A correspondence ensued between the President of the Board of Governors of the College and Messrs. Abrahams and Montefiore, and the result was that the English Editors and

Publishers ceded all rights in the title to the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning. The Governors of the College take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the generous spirit in which the negotiations were conducted, and of acknowledging their sense of obligation to the former management.

The undersigned, the President of the College, and the President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who is at the same time a Governor of the Dropsie College, have been entrusted with the editorship of the New Series of THE JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW. They have been successful in securing the co-operation of eminent scholars, and they cherish the hope that they will be able to maintain the high standard of excellence which, under their predecessors, the REVIEW reached as a repository of Jewish and Cognate Learning. They repeat the assurance given in the inaugural number of the First Series, that contributions from all sources will be welcome. Upon the merit of an article alone will depend its admission to the pages of the REVIEW.

The fact that the REVIEW has passed from the hands of private individuals into those of a learned institution with a strict academic character makes it incumbent upon the Editors to formulate their policy according to the model of academic publications. This will necessitate the exclusion of all matter not falling within the province of Jewish history,

literature, philology, and archæology, though popular articles upon these subjects, if they are conceived in a scientific spirit and bear the marks of original research will be readily admitted.

In another respect too the policy pursued in the First Series will be modified. Heretofore, the REVIEW contained a considerable amount of matter relating to the history of the Jews of England. As there is a Society devoted to this subject in particular, which publishes the results of its investigations, only articles of special importance or universal interest relating to English Jewish History will be accepted for the REVIEW. The same policy will be made to apply to American Jewish History, which likewise is cared for in the regular publications of an active Society making research into the history of the Jews in America its peculiar object.

In general, the main purpose of the Editors is to supply a need which is greatest felt just in those departments of Jewish learning for which neither the regular theological periodicals nor the local historical societies make sufficient provision.

The Editors feel it all the more their duty to supply the need, as America is fast becoming the center of Jewry, and in all likelihood will become also the center of Jewish learning in the English world. It would be anomalous if,

in the face of this great present growth, the past with its glory and its sacrifices, its ideals and its achievements, its lessons and its inspirations, were not offered the opportunity of that articulate utterance which can be given to it only through the mouth of science and scholarship.

With these aims in view, and bespeaking the interest and co-operation of scholars and laymen alike, the Editors take up their task.

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