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42 Grosvenor Road
Canbury
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My dear Mr. Dawson

I am in receipt of
your kind favor of 3rd inst. and must
thank you for the information you
give me of the proceedings of Convocation
which was certainly very gratifying.
I received subsequently the daily papers
which gave me very full reports. Mr.
Duff had written me complaining that
so many of the Hebrew students had
not gone up to examination, and I had
to comfort him by writing that such
had been my experience always, and
I presumed would continue to be until
some action had been taken by the
theological colleges compelling students
to pass their final Hebrew examination
at McGill.

I am very glad indeed
to see that you have re-cast your
"Archais", and that in its new name
and substance, it will soon appear
to strengthen the hands of those

who are fighting today against
the furious and unfair onslaughts
of the enemies of the Hebrew Scriptures.
That the book will be received by
those who, under God, have been the
vehicle for transmitting these Scriptures,
with favor and gratitude both here
and in America - I mean the Jewish
people, - I am assured. I believe that
"the origin of the word" will be
received more favorably by them
than "Archaia" because the writer
is better known. And yet I have
seen 'Archaia' in the libraries of
some of our leading ministers and
laymen of London, and have heard
the owners speak of the book as
one they highly valued - in one case
the pencil marks showed me that the
chapter on the Unity of the Race had
been read with especial attention.
The same evening that I received your
announcement, I was invited to
meet at the house of the Rev Mr.
Lowy one of our most influential
ministers and a friend since my
youth, several of the Jewish Clergy
and literary men, and I had

the Editors of the "Jewish Messenger,"
"Jewish Times" and "Hebrew Leader" of
New York, the "Jewish Record" of
Philadelphia, the "Jewish Chronicle" of
Baltimore, the "American Israelite"
of Cincinnati (the most influential paper
among the Jews of the Western States)
and the "Hebrew" of San Francisco -
These are the leading papers - there
are several in German, and a couple
in Hebrew, and some of small
circulation also in English, but these
I need not specify. I will address
all these Editors with whom I am
on intimate terms, and if the
Harpers would send a copy to each
with the intimation that they
were sent at the request of the
author and of myself I think it
would prove of service. I only
regret that the shortness of my stay
here now - and the occupation of
almost every hour, will not permit
my attending to the American
ministers and Editors at once, but
as it may be some time yet before
your work is issued, I shall perhaps
be in good time on my return.
Meanwhile I will not neglect London.

Hoping to have the pleasure
of greeting you in Montreal before
you have commenced your summer
ramble, and with kindest regards
to yourself and Mrs Dawson in
which Mrs de Solá unites

I am, my dear Dr Dawson
Yours very faithfully
Abraham de Solá

You will not be able to write
me here again before our departure
for home.

I was very glad to learn that
Mr Fred. Griffin had left his
books to the College. There are
some valuable works among them.

the pleasure of at once exhibiting their
interest in the approaching book
- no difficult task I must confess.
You may be assured of some readers here
I would suggest that a copy be sent
to the Editor of the "Jewish Chronicle"
(43 Finsbury Square) and to the Editor
of the "Jewish World" (8 South St, Finsbury)
or I will take the liberty of calling in
myself at 27 Paternoster Row, and
request Messrs H. & S. to do so; showing
them a passage in your letter as
warranty. I will see that the
Jewish papers do their duty in
calling attention to the publication
- and it has struck me that - if I
may say so without presumption -
it were better that as we both
hail from the same place, and
that I am expected to know
something about both author
and book - I ought to declare
that the former is quite a respectable
person, and the latter a production
pretty nearly up (quite up I suppose
would be impossible) to the intellectual
standard of Britons - Christian or Jewish.
- so I shall have the privilege of

vouching for you, for once in my life.
Dr. Benrich the editor of the Jewish
Chronicle was a co-laborer of mine
in the editorship of a paper called
the "Voice of Jacob" some thirty three
years back. He is a most accomplish'd
scholar - and was intimate with
our late esteemed friend Dr. Benjamin
Davies. His paper is read by the
most influential and cultivated classes,
and by the British press is regarded as
the organ of the English Jews. The
Jewish World is but little Jewish
and but little Christian - Still it
has a very large circulation, among
the latter especially - it proposes to
be an advanced paper, and has
advanced readers among Christians
especially. Its tone however is
generally reverent towards the
Hebrew Scriptures. It is no favorite
with me; but it is very fair and
will publish anything in reprobation
of its views, and is useful in
securing the attention of readers
to the work. These two papers
will suffice for Jewish Congregations
in the provincial towns, in Ireland
and Scotland also. As regard the
United States, I will address