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Dear Nelson,

Many thanks for the welcome article, which is in plenty of time for the December number. It takes $2\frac{1}{2}$ months instead of the former three weeks to get a number of the Bulletin out, though the average paging has been decreased from 40 to 28 pages and may have to be cut down further -- hence the SUPPLEMENTARY STUDIES, the first of which has just appeared. The October number will probably be out about the middle of the month or a little later, though it was begun early in August and contains only 24 pages and a chart.

The article is fine, and the pottery illustrations are also very good. This will make up most of the December number, aside from the reports. I shall need the reports early in November at latest, if there is any chance for the number to be out before Christmas. I can't get at the number before November in any case, since I am going to the Sinai Hospital here for an "emergency" operation on my spine (intervertebral disk) which I hope will prove as successful in ridding me of the trouble which has crippled me during the past twelve months as my surgeon seems to be sure it will. The surgeon is Dr. Otenesek, who is taking over most of Dr. Dandy's work in this field. (the operation is Dr. Dandy's, as Helen will no doubt tell you, and it enjoys a vogue somewhat comparable to appendectomy in the first few years after it was introduced.) I shall leave for the hospital Oct. 8th, and may be back at home ten days later, but I shall not be back at the University in any case before Nov. 8th, I am told.

Trinterud is getting enthusiastic about THE JORDAN. I hope to see him here on Monday. My FSAC will be exhausted before Christmas, and we are securing bids for photo-offset reproduction. Baumgartner and Stamm have arranged with a Bern publisher for a German translation.

And now for the real point -- I am delighted to learn that you are going to stay with the School in Jerusalem. This relieves all of us immensely.

I should like to get an Index of the Bulletin out for the 100th number, but my illness precludes this, and I shall have to await the 101st or a later number.

Cordially,

W. H. F. ...