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Mrs. Felix M. Warburg
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Dear Mrs. Warburg,

Hadassah Samuel told us some time ago about seeing you in England. We wish we too could have seen you there. Helen and I had planned to go to Switzerland and England this summer, but circumstances altered our plans completely. The "circumstances" are not only the terrifically bad conditions in Palestine, but primarily Helen's second pregnancy. She is having a very bad time of it, and there is much danger that the same accident may occur which terminated the last one. She is receiving excellent medical care, and is a good sport about having to stay in bed practically all the time. Being confined to bed is particularly hard on her because she leads normally such an active life. She had won a respected place for herself in the Hadassah Hospital, which I hope she will be able to resume sooner or later.

We all stand under the gloom of events which exact their toll from our numbers every day. Up to three weeks ago I was in Transjordan, continuing my archaeological survey there. It is surprising, but nevertheless true, at least up till then, that in the hillcountry of Transjordan practically nothing is or was known of the disturbances which are destroying this country. Since then, however, with the practically complete collapse of authority in Palestine it has become impossible to get to Transjordan, where too, the fire seems to be spreading. The road between here and Jericho is cut every night, and the morning paper reports that an armed band destroyed all the public buildings in Jericho last night. All the police-posts have been closed along the Jericho road, and almost every other police-post in Palestine where there are only Arab police, because they are either valueless or worse. So for the present, I am staying home. It is just as well, first of all because Helen is so ill, and secondly because I have so much writing to do that it is high time I began to catch up with myself.

I am enclosing a copy of a recent article
of mine in the Illustrated London News.

Helen and I hope that you are well, and
send you and your family best wishes for the New Year.

As ever, sincerely yours

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