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Dear Dr Simonsen,

To-day I send to you proofs of your interesting article & shall be very grateful for an early return of the corrected proof. Let me congratulate you on the excellence of your English style.

"(Why?)" You will see that I deleted your question as to the autograph letters. Of course if you still wish the doubt to remain, you are quite at liberty to insert it again in the proof, & it shall appear. I should then add a few editorial lines justifying the view that it is in fact the autograph of Maimonides. The grounds are that (a) the signature resembles that of the well-known Bodleian MS & (b) it closely resembles other autographs which are now at Cambridge & (c) the formula of the signature is that of certain Responses by Maimonides. I hope that these arguments satisfy you. As it is you do not commit

yourself as you only say "described as auto-graph".

There is likely to be a good deal of controversy about the Hebrew Ben Sira. I am myself a confirmed believer in the fragments. Prof Bacher has written an article for us on the same side. The matter is very interesting -- I hope that before long the truth -- one way or the other -- will be fully established.

With best regards & cordial ~~to~~ greetings for the festivals, I am,

Yours sincerely,

I. Abrahams

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