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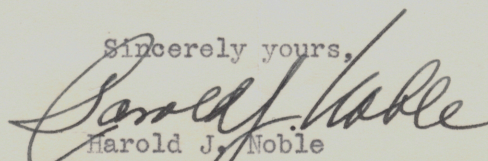
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Naturally, the chief obstacle to publication has been financial. We have now practically solved that problem however. The quarterly will be published by the Columbia University Press. Certain universities and institutions have made pledges of support, such as the American Council of Learned Societies, the University of Colorado, Pomona, and some private individuals. The Columbia Press estimates the need of a minimum subsidy of \$1500.00 for the first year, \$200.00 for the second, and none thereafter. We still must raise \$450.00 for the first year's subsidy. The responsibility for raising this sum has been taken by the various members of the board of editors. I am wondering if you would be so good as to subscribe the sum of \$25.00 for the first year's subsidy? If the other members of the board are able to raise similar sums then we would proceed with the publication of the first issue in the autumn of this year, probably November. The publication schedule for the first year has already been prepared.

I would be very much pleased to have an opportunity to talk with you about this proposal, but I thought that it would be better to make it in concrete written form before approaching you orally. I feel sure that this quarterly will be a very desirable publication and one which will fulfill a long felt need.

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