

Hebrew Union College

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Dear William:

I was glad to get your interesting letter of September 20, with the news about the excavations and the School. I shall await with great interest your paper on the chronology of the conquest of Central Palestine, which will incorporate some of the conclusions you have arrived at as a result of the excavations at Bethel. The working out of the interrelation ~~xxxxxxxxxxxwillxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ship between Bethel and Ai will be most valuable. The excavations at Bethel have turned out to be extremely important.

When I told my wife about the contract you had let for central heating she fairly danced for joy. I am very glad that you did not wait till the Executive Committee could act upon the plan, but went ahead and arranged for the heating system to be put in in time for winter. It will certainly pay for itself in added comfort and health, and probably by attracting more people to the School.

The School has done very well by the Levys, and I feel that he has every reason to be grateful for the accommodations he enjoyed a considerable saving to himself for a number of months. After the disturbances this year, - both Berry and Jackson were considerably annoyed and considering the unwarranted expense to the School, I agree completely with you that such a situation ought not to be allowed to arise again.

I am glad that the pottery shed is being put to such excellent use. I could not have gotten along without it this summer, and I don't think that it cost very much to put it

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I hope that the Stinesprings take it a bit easier now that you are back at the School. They are both uncommonly competent people, and have done very well at the School. They were helpful to me this year in every way possible, and it was a pleasure to be associated with them. I am glad that such an attractive post awaits Stinespring upon his return to America. Naturally, I have said nothing about it to an one here.

The trip home was a very pleasant one. I got on the Esperia at Jaffa, going thence to Naples via Alexandria. We stopped a day and half in Alexandria, where I spent most of my time in the museum, studying the pottery collections. I have decided that while much of sigillata I have found is Nabataean, a large proportion of it was imported from Asia Minor. I think I can distinguish between the two types. Leaving Alexandria the 18th of August, we arrived at Naples on the morning of the 21st, and left that afternoon on the Conte di Savoia, arriving in New York on the 29th. The Esperia is one of the nicest boats I have ever been on. Second or special class on the Conte di Savoia is incomparably nicer than tourist, and I enjoyed the trip home very much, getting a good rest. However, I believe that now the tourist and special classes have been merged into one class.

I have taken over the duties of treasurer and am writing letter after letter to Bart attempting to get matters straight. In the papers which have been turned over to me, there is no mention of the \$500 which are yet to be sent to you for the Kyle Memorial Excavation account, nor is there anything about the exact sum of money to be sent to Stinespring for the expenses incurred while Acting Director. I

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written to Barton, and have to have these matters unravelled soon, and will see to it that the checks are sent as soon as possible.

Will you please send me as soon as possible the budget for the School for next year?

Will you please send half a dozen extra copies of Bulletin 55 to Head?

I have begun working up the materials for Edom. There still remains to be done the part from Moab. In the article which is in press I described only the Iron Age and the Nabataean pottery found in Moab.

My wife met me in New York, having obtained a week's leave-of-absence from the hospital. She spent several delightful days on the shore at East Hampton, and then came home. She is back at the hospital now, and gets home several evenings a week. The classes have started at the Hebrew Union College, and in as much as I have two courses, one on Isaiah and Jeremiah, and the other on the Early Cultural History of Israel I have been kept rather busy.

With heartiest greetings, also to the Stinesprings and the Kraelings,

I am, very sincerely yours,