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Dear William:

Welcome home!

I shudder when I think how fast the months have passed since I left Palestine, and how fast the time has passed since I left for Palestine a year ago this coming February. I am aching to go back again as soon as possible. I should like to excavate one of the smelting furnaces in the Arabah, and examine the Namalah pass which I was unable to get to last year, and then I hope sooner or later to get permission and funds to study ancient Midian. I am anxious to hear about the results of the various soundings in the Petra area.

I trust you had a pleasant trip home, and did not cross on one of those huge boats, which shake you to bits, and leave the passengers in need of a real vacation at the end of the voyage.

You will have heard from Burrows the details of the last meeting of the Schools, and the news with regard to the budget adopted, and the changes in the various requests for funds, including the \$1500 for the Bethel Volume and the \$500 for excavations. I hope that the money for the Bethel volume can be obtained from one of the big Foundations. I hope to publish the Edom report in the next Annual, and let the extra space which will be necessary be paid for with whatever surplus funds will remain from the Edom expedition account. The Schools are in for some very drastic retrenchments during the next two years at least. It is well, as your report shows, that the Jerusalem School is in such excellent financial shape, even after paying for the heating system. Looking forward