

The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

March 6th, 1935

Dear Nelson:

Your letter of the 25th has been received. My wife and I are not quite clear yet as to what arrangements we would like to have made about our next year's salary, so I shall write you again with regard to the place of payment in May.

The thing for you to do, I should think, is to have a good draughtsman from the department of Civil Engineering at the University of Cincinnati prepare the plans under your supervision. It would not be safe to have them done here, though our School of Engineering could furnish the men to do it. The same applies to the pottery.

Fisher has moved into the School, and has sold his furniture, etc. I am very glad, since he cannot afford to keep up an independent establishment, with his various debts and obligations. I am afraid that it will be impossible to keep him on after this coming year, ^{or} and that his salary may have to be reduced *drastically* then. You see, Kraeling, who is level-headed and a competent judge of men, and who has been in the closest touch with Fisher during this year, is sure to report adversely with regard to him. Apparently Fisher cannot prepare a respectable chapter on architecture any more, since he has neglected for many years to keep abreast of the subject, and is now very stale. I shall not support him any longer, since there is plenty of evidence that he will never do anything more, and since the School has certainly paid back the real debt of honor that it owed him. Since I shall probably resign this coming summer (i.e., I shall not remain as director after leaving in January), it will not be hard to make a complete sweep of the staffs of our organization.

Since my Bethel MS is not yet ready, no action was taken this year by the American Philosophical Society, but I think that the chances next year for favorable action are excellent. Tell Beit Mirsim II will wait for the first open volume of the Annual after the publication of your Edom monograph.

My short article on the Date of the Israelite Conquest will appear in the April Bulletin, as planned, unless something happens. The February one will be distributed in a day or two; it was delayed by Jackson's uncertainty about his plans for the Summer School. The April number will be restricted to 24 pages, or 28 at most, since there are 40 pages in the February number. —A few minutes ago I received from Alt a copy of Frank's monograph on the Arabah, which is very disappointing. Your copy has presumably also just come in. I don't see why so many poor photographs of unimportant details were printed. However, it is a good thing that Frank's report came in before the completion of yours, since you can now refer to it, take issue with it, and occasionally correct your orthography or your plans by his.

I am planning definitely to be at Ann Arbor in April. I shall also attend the New York meeting of our committee planned for the end of the month.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

W. F. Albright