

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

December 16th, 1931

Dear Glueck:

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th. The problem of the "baths" is very difficult. A very complete bibliography of the material to which you refer, with many additional references, was published by Robinson, Excavations at Olynthus, Vol. II, pp. 49-50, in illustration of his bath-tubs (figs. 136, 7.). There are so many arguments on both sides of the question that I am somewhat at a loss, though Welter's point of view strikes me as more probable than that of Blegen. I am inclined to think that Robinson is right, and that our vats are adaptation of the bath-tub idea to industrial purposes.

I hope that you have secured permission from Dr. Kyle, and have gone ahead with your article on Tell Beit Mirsim. The fourth campaign will have enough money, even if Dr. Kyle is not able to raise quite as much as he earned before, since the Schools have granted \$2500 for the coming summer. I take it that we can count on your collaboration during most of the campaign, though you will have to spend some time at Jerusalem after July 1st!

Your election went through without a dissenting voice on November 27th. You probably know already that the proceedings were a bit irregular--though entirely binding. Morgenstern and Barton have different ways of doing things; poor Barton forgets and muddles, though with such excellent intentions and such honest purpose that one cannot help forgiving him. We should never forget what he has done for the Schools, and when it comes to replacing him we ^{will} ~~shall~~ begin to realize the extent of his self-sacrifice on their behalf.

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Anyway, you have my hearty congratulations, and Mrs.

Glueck has my best wishes for a happy and untroubled year in Jerusalem.

Very sincerely yours,

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