

Oct. 7, 1932.

Dear Albright:

I hope that by now you have rested sufficiently to have overcome the Strapazen of the summer. I think the best way home for you would be to take a boat of the American Export Line, and sleep all the way back to America. It was a pleasure to be able to work under you again part of this summer, and I am already looking forward to the next time. We were sorry to see you leave the house. The place is so big, that two people are almost lost in it. We trust that you found Mrs. Albright and the children well. My wife and I send our greetings.

Inspektor Kjaer died suddenly Sept. 29. It was the result of a violent dysentery, coupled with a very weak heart, and a worn-out body. The previous Sunday he had been forced to come here to the hospital. I had begged him a week before to come here to the School and rest and place himself under medical care. He was obdurate, however, insisting that he wanted to carry on as long as he could. He died suddenly. No one expected him to die. His heart simply gave out. He was a lovely gentleman. He overdid things terribly at Shilo. When I was last up there I remonstrated with him about the working hours. They worked from five to eleven-thirty, and from a quarter after twelve to five. He kept the record book, disbursed all moneys, kept all accounts, - did everything. He had expressed a wish to be buried in Denmark in case anything ever happened to him, so his body is being shipped home. The excavations have ceased for the present. I went out the afternoon of his death, with Mr. Nielson of the Newman School of Missions, to break the news to Schmidt. He was in a daze, so I sort of took charge, suggested the immediate closing down of the excavations, and waiting to see what the developments would be. They had simply been pottering around anyway, waiting for Inspekto Kjaer's return. Schmidt came to me a few days ago, and asked me to work with him till the excavations could be closed, and to finish digging the places that Kjaer had planned to do. I have agreed to do so, if I could take the School out with me. Yesterday I received a telegram from the committee in Denmark asking me to take charge. A meeting of the Archaeological Advisory Board is to be held Oct. 11, to decide upon the matter. The Danish committee telegraphed to the Dept. of Antiquities telling them they wanted me to continue. There will be about three weeks more work to do, according to what Schmidt tells me. If the new permit is received, - the old one was in Kjaer's name -, I am planning to have the members of the School come out every morning after breakfast and return here every evening before dinner. I think that three weeks practical experience will be as valuable as work in the classroom. I shall spend the week-ends here, and come in several evenings a week to attend to School business.

Meanwhile class work has started. Dr. Cumming arrived a few weeks ago. He is a delightful person, and we are going to get along very well together. He brought his son with him. His wife and daughter are staying home. She is a high-school teacher, and could not get away. All the

students, who had announced themselves, have arrived. The Thayer Fellow is missing. He has never written to me, and I don't know who he is, or if he has been appointed. In the American School announcement on the inside back page of the J.B.L., a chap named Evans from Toronto is announced as the Thayer Fellow, but whether that appointment still holds or not, I am at a loss to know. In addition to Detweiler and Stinespring there are three other permanent students here this year. They are Anne Fuller, Anna D. Kyle Fellow; Robert Claude Denton, John Henry Watson Fellow; Howard G. Payne, John Spencer Turner Fellow. They come respectively from Radcliffe, Berkely Divinity School, and the Andover-Newton Theological School. Miss Bentwich has also registered for the various courses. The group seems to be a very nice one, and I am looking forward to an interesting year with them.

The division took place the other day, Iliffe representing the government. I nearly had a stroke before he came. That beautiful red sherd, with the painting of the bull on it could not be found. I was on the verge of telegraphing to you to find out if you knew anything about it. The morning of the division came, Iliffe walked in, and the very first thing he asked to see, was that particular sherd. I told him that we had misplaced it, but that we ~~xxxxx~~ would surely find it. He had to come back a second time anyway to finish the division. Meanwhile we instituted a search. Finally it occurred to some one, that it might have gotten hidden away in one of your black boxes. I got out the keys, we opened them up, and sure enough in one of them, we found the sherd. I am enclosing a copy of the letter from the Department of Antiquities, giving the numbers of the objects they took. We also kept a separate record. They took the ykb scarab and the finest seal cylinder, among other things. I was able to retain most of the alabaster vases, the two best gold beads, and about half of those E vases, which Dr. Kyle wanted. I also got the nice Astarte figurine for Dr. Kyle's collection. The government also took a number of other fine things, which slip my mind at the present, but you can check up the numbers. Of course they took the ladle, or incense spoon, or whatever it is to be called.

From a letter of Dr. Montgomery recently, I take it that there will be little or no money to carry out the proposed dig at El-Hamme. I have not yet heard from Dr. Morgens~~ter~~ stern about the possibility of H.U.C. raising money for excavating the synagogue. His silence may also be an answer. Will it be possible to use any of the Tell Beit Mirsim remaining funds for that purpose?

I have paid all the outstanding Tell Beit Mirsim bills, totalling L.P. 63:985. The plans are all finished, and I am sending them, together with the field record books, to you. We are keeping sun-print copies of Section NW, level A, Section SE, levels C through H. We are sending a set of sun-prints, the original field sheets of this year, the set of cloth tracings for the government plans, and- There are three record books from this year and one from last year.

Dr. Fisher is still working on his Corpus. It may get finished, I believe. Detweiler is helping hi two days a

week. He is an awfully nice chap. He is helpful in all sorts of ways around here. I do hope that he can get the Thayer Fellowship next year.

The household is running pretty well, I believe. My wife does as much work as Mrs. Beaumont did, - which takes about a half an hour a day. I have let Philomene go. She was too stupid. I have detached Victoria from the kitchen, and despite protests that the kitchen could not get along without her, it seems that the work is being done as well as ever. ^{we are using} I have lengthened Nazli's hours, and given Shukri more to do. They are not overworked, but they are kept busy, and there is no more loafing. I let Victoria and Nazli do all the washing for a couple of weeks. After that they were willing to do all kinds of extra work, to escape that particular job. I think the School is being run now on the minimum servant staff, and I have done about all the deflating that seems possible at the moment. I have written to the Dpt. of Agriculture for a hundred more trees to plant on the grounds. The water question is solved for the present. We are getting water three times a week now, which is more than sufficient. We have also had a number of very strong rains. After trying in vain for a month to get a permit to build an extension to the septic tank, I have finally started without a permit. Mr. Cantor, the head of the Government sanitary Dept., advised me to go ahead. I had appealed to him, finally, and he is trying to get the permit through the municipality for me.

Victoria for the Director's house, and of course, I am paying her salary now

So much for the present. I shall have the secretary make out a statement of the Tell Beit Mirsim expenditures I have made thus far, and enclose it in this letter tomorrow. He is slow, but I am beginning to feel that he is a good man for the work he now does. And I think that he is honest.

Have you discussed with Dr. Montgomery and Dr. Barton the advisability of a special fund for the director's board bill?

With best greetings to you and your family, in which my wife joins me,

I am, as ever,

sincerely yours

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