

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Dear Glueck:

Your very interesting letter of Oct. 7th arrived two weeks ago, but I have been so busy since then that I have allowed all my correspondence to accumulate.

Class-work is going well, with the best small group of students I have had since coming here. There are six in the Seminary, all Jews, and several of them very promising men. My research is hampered by eye-trouble, which has developed since my return. I don't think there is anything wrong outside of the glasses, which presumably need changing.

My fourth son, David, was born a week ago (nearly two weeks now). Both Mrs. Albright and the boy are well. We run to boys, you observe.

I was very sorry indeed to hear of Inspector Kjaer's death. I hope that you were able to carry the Shiloh excavations to a temporary end. Mr. Kjaer's death is probably a greater blow to Dr. Schmidt than to anyone else, since he had counted so much on the continuation of the work this season.

You have doubtless heard from Professor Barton that there is money available from the unexpended balance. I do not know how much, since no meeting has yet been held. In any case, you may certainly borrow the unexpended balance of the Tell Beit Mirsim money for any archaeological work; it can be repaid to the account when a grant is made.

I am very sorry about the oversight with regard to the Phoenician potsherd, which was naturally annoying. The level-books arrived safely; I have not received the plans yet. Many thanks for your care and trouble.

You evidently have an exceptionally nice group of students this year, all serious. Since about 1928 there have been a good many who were not serious. I am certainly not going to discourage the latter kind, but it is nice to have some good students, too.

Sellers reports having met some groups of persons from the Summer School, and also reports that they were very much pleased with the Director of the said School. A short account of it, from your report to Montgomery, will appear in the December Bulletin, which goes to press in about a week.

Your conscientious work on the problem of servant staff and organization of the household is going to make things a great deal easier for me. I approve heartily of everything you have done so far. It is quite possible that we may try the lady who wrote you for a year as housekeeper and stenographer. At my suggestion she has seen Barton and Montgomery, both of whom are much pleased with her. I have not seen her yet, but expect to soon. She does not expect much compensation, is willing to try it for a year, and is a trained stenographer and typist, in addition to her other qualifications. This would not mean getting rid of Vartabedian, but simply supplementing him semi-privately. The combined job of librarian and secretary seems, from what you say, to fit him pretty well.

Professor Berry is a widower, so that no problem of the Annual Professor's wife comes up next year. You are lucky this year, since a well-meaning lady with nothing to do can be a thorough nuisance.

With my best regards to Mrs. Glueck,

Very sincerely yours,

W. F. Albright