

Dec. 26, 1932.

Dear Albright:

Returning from a very interesting trip in eastern Transjordan, about which I shall write a full report later, I found your letters of Nov. 14 and 22. We discovered a new Nabataean site, and an entirely new settlement at ~~xxxxxxx~~ Kilweh, where we also found a hill covered with ibex carvings.

I have written a pretty full account of the recent doings of the School in a letter which I am sending to Dr. Montgomery today. Shall I send you a separate account for the Bulletin news letter, or do you usually simply make excerpts from the reports to Montgomery? I am now engaged in writing up the results of the soundings at el-Hammeh, and of the trip through the desert, and I shall send them to you as soon as they are finished. I am enclosing the archaeological report of the work done in Palestine and Syria in 1932. I note that after you have made excerpts for the Bulletin you will send it directly to Miss Swindler, editor of the AJA. I am also sending a copy to Dr. Montgomery.

Heartiest congratulations upon the birth of your fourth son David. You almost have enough for a basket-ball team. I am glad to hear that Mrs. Albright and the boy are well.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have moved in and are living with us for the present in the Director's house. Dr. Fisher has suddenly decided to give up his house in Ramallah, and come and live in the School. As soon as the Rows leave I shall have him come over and live with us in the Director's house. Meanwhile I am assigning him a room in the apartment of the Annual Professor, and am giving him one of the sitting rooms for a work room.

I have sent two copies of the new Annual to the Dept. of Antiquities.

If satisfactory arrangements can be made with the lady who smiled so prettily in her photograph, I think she will be a very excellent acquisition to the School staff. A part time housekeeper is needed, and a real stenographer is very necessary. I have been trying to get some one to come in and do some stenographic work for me occasionally, but it is difficult to find a proper person.

We are very happy here in Jerusalem. The year is passing all too quickly.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Albright and the children,

I am, very sincerely yours,