

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

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Dear Glueck:

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Your letter and enclosures, together with the plans, arrived several days ago, just in time to be used for the April Bulletin. I have only abstracted the report on the explorations in eastern Transjordan, since the number was already filled, and the account is, in any case, much too long for the Bulletin. It contains very interesting material, and should by all means be published. I would suggest that you change the form slightly, and present the two parts in separate articles. The first part contains little original matter, while the part dealing with the rock-carvings at Kilwa is all brand-new. There is also a great difference between the archaeological fields involved, the first dealing with Nabataean and later material, while the second is exclusively (or nearly so) prehistoric. The second part might, e.g., be submitted to AJA, which will be very glad of it, while the first part can go into a more popular article, or into the October Bulletin. I would suggest that you group the photographs and tracings on plans, placing two or three photos, after non-essential parts (not needed either for the outlines or for identification of place) have been cut off, on each plate, and making a special line-cut on a special thinner sheet, so that the corresponding tracings fit in each case over the photograph. Otherwise, this will have to be done by someone unfamiliar with the material, which is so interesting that only first-class treatment should be given it.

I have not yet received the fuller report on the excavation at el-Hammeh. When I receive it, I shall make a recommendation with regard to the place and form of publication.

I am taking your material with me to Philadelphia, and shall turn it over to Professor Montgomery for examination and safe-keeping until you return. The Executive Committee of the Schools meets in New York on Tuesday of the coming week.

You have doubtless received the number of AJA containing your report on Archaeology in Palestine and Syria, which I excerpted for the February Bulletin.

It is extremely full and interesting. As you will note, I edited it for orthography and miscellaneous details, but my task was simpler than usual in this respect. You would be surprised to know how careless in details some scholars with a good reputation are.

I hope that everything goes well at Jerash. Of course, minor differences and a little friction are to be expected, and no one who has any experience in such matters takes them at all seriously. You have been lucky so far this year, to judge from the uniformly good reports which I have heard from various scholars and other persons not directly connected with the School. In my last year in Jerusalem I had a very unpleasant scrap with the Annual Professor.

I am enclosing the notes from Mayer and Vincent, which you had better keep with you, so that they will not be mislaid, as might be the case if I left them with Professor Montgomery. —I should have added that the Annual, now edited by Speiser and Burrows, is complete for this year; I do not know what arrangements are planned for next year. If you wish to print all or part of your material in next year's Annual, you will have plenty of time to get it into perfect final shape, since the Annual is sent to press in May or June, as a rule.

As I wrote last time, I am sailing by the S.S. City of Baltimore from this port, June 7th. If I can catch the Lloyd Triestino boat without too much rush, I shall be in Jerusalem about the end of June. In any event, I shall telegraph from Paris, so that you will know when to expect me. It is very good news that you will remain in Palestine for the summer; you will, of course, reciprocate by staying with me in the Director's house when you are at the School.

So that you will not misunderstand, I want to say confidentially that I had nothing whatever to do with Stinespring's appointment as Thayer Fellow, since I believe in a strictly neutral attitude in such matters. President Montgomery seems to have thought of it first, and the Yale people, Torrey and Kraeling, were very keen about it. The two year appointment was Torrey's idea—in fact, I thought that it was only a suggestion, which had not been adopted, until I saw the minutes of the meeting! If he and his wife retain their health and fit into life at the

School, the arrangement ought to work out very well, and will, naturally, be extraordinarily convenient for me. I became slightly acquainted with Stinespring last summer, and must say that he makes an increasingly good impression. He has real ability in several directions; how much intrinsic scholarly interest he has I do not know. My sister is very adaptable and has a good general education. Her health is none too good, and the child may be something of a problem. Aside from these points, she ought to enjoy life in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Albright and the four small boys are all flourishing. Her health improves steadily; she has never been as well as she is now, I think, since we were married. The boys are in fine condition, thanks to simple life, plain wholesome food, and plenty of sleep, with good medical care.

With my best regards to Mrs. Glueck, I am

Very cordially yours,

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