

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 11, 1945.
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My dear Nelson:

Your good letter of April 29 has been on my desk for two weeks. But, as usual, owing to several absences from the city during this period and the resultant pressure of work, this is my very first opportunity to reply.

I read with much interest everything that you wrote. I was particularly happy, as you know, to read that we may with reasonable confidence expect your return in the fall, even though you may not be able to resume teaching duties immediately. Of course, that question we will have to take up when you arrive. But I am sure that we will find some way to deal with the situation.

I quite agree with you that G. Ernest Wright or Harold Ingholt is much better qualified to function as Director of the School than Engberg. Just what the status of the School with relationship to Engberg is at the present moment I have not the slightest idea for, as you probably know, I have not been able to attend a meeting of the Trustees of the School for at least a year and a half. But I am under the impression that there is no commitment to Engberg, and that therefore if either Wright or Ingholt is willing to accept the appointment as your successor, it could easily be arranged.

Your suggestion of a combined HUC-ASOR lecture tour across the country interests me to a certain extent, and we certainly can discuss it when you return. But I must say frankly that, at the present moment, I have no great enthusiasm for it. Theoretically it may have a certain publicity value and also may provide the opportunity for you to come into a community into which otherwise access might be a little difficult for a representative of the College, and there contact persons whom we desire to reach. But I must say frankly that, contrary to our expectations, HUC has gotten almost no publicity values out of its loan of your services to ASOR. Apparently Burrows and his associates have unconsciously grown into the habit of thinking that you belong primarily to the Schools. Your connection with HUC is never mentioned in their publicity notices. Nor do they seem to have any conscious appreciation that they owe any obligation whatever to HUC. Moreover, in a lecture tour in which the lectures deal with Palestinian archaeology, quite naturally it would be ASOR which would hold the center of public attention and HUC would necessarily be pushed far into the background. However, all this we can discuss in detail when you return.

I might add that I have no objection whatever to your letting Burrows know that I am quite dissatisfied with the almost complete lack of acknowledgment or obligation to HUC in public statements.

Here at the College things are proceeding in the usual routine. The academic year is practically over. All the members of the Faculty have finished their year's work. These last two weeks have been turned over entirely to Abe Franzblau. He is taking his two weeks' furlough here and using them to give survey courses in Education to all the students of all classes, making his work of course as practical as possible. He is likewise holding conferences with individual students who have problems in Religious Education. He will be carrying on this program this week and next week. With that the regular academic year will end. But immediately thereafter the summer term for the students of the three highest classes

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who are licensed to serve as rabbinical replacements for men in Chaplain service will begin, and will continue for eight weeks, until the middle of August. Probably three or four men will be ready for graduation. We plan to hold the Graduation Exercises at the end of November, when we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the College. We are planning to make that quite an important affair. We will also conduct a two-weeks' Institute for Rabbis from June 18-29. I fear, however, that the attendance will be small, due chiefly to the fact that, owing to the pressure of work upon me, the notices have just gone out to the alumni. Likewise I imagine that travel conditions will interfere with the attendance. But we will make the best of the situation.

There have been a number of interesting and significant changes on the Faculty. Dr. Heschel has resigned and is accepting a call as Professor of Philosophy at the JTS. This step was taken with mutual agreement and good will. Dr. Atlas has been appointed Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Talmud; Dr. Werner Instructor in Jewish Music, and Dr. Epstein Instructor in Hebrew... all three as regular members of the Faculty. All three seem to be excellent teachers and to be well liked by the students.

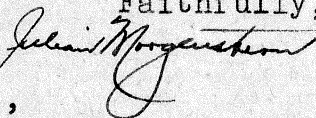
We are still developing plans for our Five Million Dollar Campaign. These are maturing slowly. But we have high hopes of accomplishment. We plan to perfect our organization during the course of the summer and to proceed actively with the campaign during the last four months of the year.

At the last meeting of the Board of Governors, the Board approved my recommendation that \$14000. a year be allotted to maintain Graduate Teaching Fellowships. It is important that we begin to train future members of our Faculty, for we may no longer count on bringing any from Europe. I have my eye on two or three men in Chaplain service at the present moment. Also there are two or three students who show some promise in this direction.

You will be interested in one development. You may remember that in a news letter some two or three months ago, you described your visit to the Dominican School in Jerusalem. I copied this paragraph and sent it to Archbishop McNicholas who is a Dominican, and who had once expressed to me his interest in the Jerusalem School. He replied, thanking me for having sent him this information and told me that he had lost track of the scholars at the School and was happy to have this information about them. He added that he hoped some day to send some of his young priests to study at the School. I wrote back to him and suggested that since he could not send any at the present moment, if he so desired the College would be glad to welcome any whom he might send to us, and to give them the opportunity to acquire a sound knowledge of Hebrew and, if they wished, of Akkadian. I had hardly expected any result of this suggestion, but to my surprise he is sending a very promising young priest to study here at the College next year. This is something of more than passing significance, for the Arch-bishop has always been rather standoffish in his relation to the Jews. We shall see what this may lead to. But you may find some satisfaction in knowing that the paragraph in your News Letter initiated all this.

I hope earnestly that this finds you in the best of health and spirits.
Hearty greetings and all good wishes.
Ever

Faithfully,



PRESIDENT.

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