

July 27.

Received a cable yesterday from Starkey that Wellcome had died. Am sending a return wire of condolence today. ^(Sir Henry Wellcome) Hope Wellcome left funds for Starkey's excavations at Tell ed-Duwein.

Met Harding, the new Director of Antiquities of T.J. yesterday. He was with Starkey at Tell ed-Duwein. He is a youngish man, who affects an oval beard. He is said to know Arabic very well, and also to know pottery well. He ought to be a good man for Transjordan. I hope I can get along with him on the whole as well as I did with Horsfield. He & Iliffe are coming over for tea today.

July 30.

Went with Burrows ^{& Yusuf Musa} to Tell ed-Duwein. Left here at 7:15 A.M. & arrived there 2 hrs. later. It is about 42 miles away. We went via Beit Jibrin. We met Harding there. The site proved to be most interesting. A great deal of utmost importance has already been discovered there, including the cuneiforms & the letters. We had our lunch, & then started back. We took the wrong turn at Beit Jibrin and got to Irbid before we decided to turn back in preference to continuing via ^{Bin Shams} Beid el Wadi where there has been so much trouble.

Rev. Cecil J. Mulla Weir of the U. of Liverpool called on me this afternoon. He wants to be taken around the country. He made the mistake of getting into the American Colony.

David & Johnny Maguire are coming here tonight to stay. David is getting married to Noah Musa tomorrow. With my Helen were here. Rain fell for about 15 minutes today in Jerusalem. We were in Tell ed-Duwein.