

July 24.

Was just prepared to go down to Haged-Tristram's offices to pay for tickets to meet Helen at Naples on Aug. 16, when I received a cable from her saying that the physicians had ordered her to stay home until her baby was born. I guess it is for the best, but I miss her dreadfully. It will probably be next spring before she comes over here, although some say that she could make the trip in winter-time. I've not of gotten attached to the idea of a child, and with my parental instinct ~~strongly aroused~~ am prepared to love it. As a Jew I sometimes wonder whether I am doing well to <sup>help</sup> bring another little Jewish baby into the world, but as a human being I guess I want one, <sup>child</sup> or more than one very much.

I have been consulting maps and preferring generally to get away to TJ or Sinai as soon as possible.

July 30. Noble arrived.

Aug. 5. Had dinner last night with the American Consul General, Mr. Wadsworth and his wife, last night at the King David. Iliffe and his wife, and Noble of the ASOR were there. It was a very good dinner, and we had a pleasant evening. Major Tullback of the British works dropped in later on in the evening. Lady Petrie is coming tomorrow morning for which I shall be thankful. Sir Eldred Petrie is getting very feeble, he is 86 now, and is constantly falling and hurting himself. His letters in the "Petrie Post" recently are very anti-Arab. He is an independent old man, and I have a great deal of admiration for him.