

have been invited or would have attended had they been able to be in Jerusalem today.

This morning I took the Summer Institute members of the HUCBASJ on a brief walk through the Old City to the Monastery of the Flagellation on the Via Dolorosa, where Father Spijkerman took us through the most excellent museum there and lectured on its contents. Father Saller was also in attendance and participated in the explanations. The numismatics collection there is simply a fantastic one, and some of the pottery collections particularly that, for instance, from Bab edh-Dhra is really great. Of course, if Paul Lapp could display at one time all the Bab edh-Dhra pottery he has at the ASOR it would make a phenomenal show. He told me today that he has some 6000 complete pieces of Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age I and Middle Bronze I pottery at the ASOR. I promised to bring Ruth Amiran to the ASOR some time next week. Tomorrow morning, at 6 A.M. I am going to drive to St. Stephen's Gate and take Father Saller and Father Spijkerman to Tell Gezer, together with Professor Saul Weinberg of our School, and our old time friend and great photographer, Mr. S. J. Schweig. How long I remain at the dig depends upon how I feel. This virus pneumonia has left me in a weakened condition.

This evening at 6 P.M. our Jerusalem Consul General and Mrs. Evan Wilson are picking me up and taking me to Ambassador Walworth Barbour's house in Herzliah beyond Tel Aviv. Ambassador Barbour is giving a farewell dinner for the Wilsons, who are completing their tour of duty in Jerusalem and are retiring from the diplomatic corps. I believe I should have said "Minister" instead of "Consul-General" for Mr. Wilson's title. Inasmuch as I feel certain that unified Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel, I wish the main foreign embassies, including our own American, would make their headquarters in the capital. Of course, the headquarters of many departments of the Government of Israel will have to follow suit. What has happened now is that many of the heads of Government departments, who would normally be stationed and domiciled in Jerusalem, have several offices and flit between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. This is one of the many things that will have to be straightened