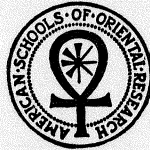


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Dear Nelson:

Your letters of the 24th and 26th were awaiting me when I returned to the office this morning. Engberg, who came back for a day during the meetings, had meanwhile told me in great disgust of what happened to your Chicago engagement. It's a shame, but I hope you got that much more rest at home.

Many people were badly disappointed at not seeing and hearing you in New York. Albright and I did the best we could to pinch-hit for you. Were you conscious of burning ears at about 9 o'clock Wednesday evening? The way Albright lauded your work and extolled the importance of your discoveries must have produced some warmth if any psychic waves reached you.

We had a fine meeting of the Trustees and Corporation and an interesting, well attended luncheon of the Alumni. I was especially glad that Mr. Warrington was able to get to the meeting of the Trustees. Dr. Moulton had the first full meeting of his Finance Committee that he has been able to get together. By the way, Mr. Warrington seems rather peeved that we did not retain you as Director at Jerusalem. He said, in effect, that it was a pity to have you teaching Hebrew and Bible in America when you could do such important work in Palestine. I tried to assure him that you had yourself withdrawn from any such appointment, that you were under obligations here in America, and that your return would not by any means prevent you from going back repeatedly as Albright has done to continue your work of exploration and excavation in Palestine. I am not sure he was satisfied, so I'd be glad if you would talk to him if you have a chance before you leave.

With regard to Kheleifeh, the Board authorized us to take what may be needed for a campaign this spring from any funds available (which would, doubtless mean the advance payment of Mr. Warburg's gift), in case we are not able to raise enough money outside. We still hope to be able to do that.

Dr. Glueck. -2-

The new Bulletin contains a note of appreciation to your hosts etc. for hospitality and courtesies during your lecture trip. We thought we would send marked copies to the individuals concerned.

I am glad you like the appearance of the Annual. I note that we shall have to wait for the last two chapters of your popular book until you get back to Jerusalem. Please make it as soon as possible, because we must get the book off the press early in the year for this year's Associate Members. Our editorial committee feels quite definitely that it is best for us to publish the book ourselves.

Your night wire was received in due time. Many thanks. I am glad the matter of the \$1000 for the Schools is now straightened out. I am returning Olmstead's and Virgin's letters.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,



ME/w

P.S. The picture of your youngster just arrived. It is a beauty, and I judge he is too. We are delighted to have it.