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My dear Nelson:

My hearty thanks for your cable of the 28th ult., replying so promptly to my letter of April 2 to you. The cable made me very happy. It is good to think that you will probably be back here next fall, and relieves me of a great worry. The administrative burden is growing heavier day by day; and it is hard to keep the loose ends together. I need assistance badly, both in the discharge of the administrative duties and in the teaching. Therefore, I shall count upon your return in the early part of next fall.

as to I shall not present to the Board of Governors at its meeting next Wednesday the recommendation of your appointment as Assistant to the President, for I feel that until I can tell them definitively just when you will be back and could resume your duties, this would be premature. The Board will meet again in October, and that will be the proper time to make this recommendation. I hope earnestly that by that time you will be back here ready to assume all duties. Certainly by that time, we will know definitely when we may expect you to return, if you will not have already returned by that time. Were I to make the recommendation now, I am sure that the Board would defer consideration and ask for more specific information.

The plans for our Five Million Dollar Campaign are developing slowly but satisfactorily. Almost everyone seems hopeful of the outcome. Governor Lehman has consented to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Committee on Sponsors. We plan to perfect our organization during the summer months and conduct the campaign actively and vigorously during the four last months of the year. But you can see from this that I shall have to be away from the College for much of the time, and that therefore it is imperative that some one be here to handle the administrative duties, and also perhaps to do some traveling too, in the interests of the campaign.

Also there will be some Faculty reorganization between now and then. It will interest you to know that Dr. Heschel is submitting his resignation from the Faculty, and this with my knowledge and approval. It is not that his work has not been satisfactory. It has been, indeed. He is deeply and gratefully appreciative of all that the College has done for him; and I in turn am correspondingly appreciative of all that he has done for the College and of his loyalty to it. But he has told me very frankly that he has gone just as far in the direction of the Philosophy of Judaism and its practice which the College upholds as he possibly can with an honest conscience; and he finds that there is still a decided gap between his point of view and that of the College. I cannot help feeling that the students, too, as well as he himself are conscious of this, and that the mutual relations between him and the students of the College are affected thereby. At any rate, he has not succeeded in getting as close to the students as both he and I wished and hoped. And now, after five years of earnest endeavor, he feels that the only honorable thing for him to do is to withdraw from the College staff. I have agreed with him in this, and have even in our discussion encouraged him to this decision. I shall present his resignation to the Board at its meeting next week. That it will be accepted goes without saying.

In his stead, I am planning to recommend the appointment of Dr. Atlas as Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Talmud. Atlas has been ^{an} exceedingly

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successful and stimulating teacher. The students respond most enthusiastically to his instruction and speak of him and of what they get from him in the most glowing terms. I am also planning to recommend the appointment of Dr. Epstein as Instructor in Hebrew, and of Werner as Instructor in Jewish Music. Both men have been very successful in their teaching and, after five or perhaps even six years of faithful service, Werner is entitled to be assured of a definite position here at the College. I expect the Board to approve of these appointments, although I anticipate that I may have to overcome some objections on the part of some of the Board members.

Last Sunday we held dignified and impressive HUC Convocation Exercises in New York City; at the Central Synagogue, and conferred degrees upon Mr. Joseph C. Hyman, Justice Meier Steinbrink, Mrs. Felix M. Warburg and Mr. Frank L. Weil. In the evening the College was host at a dinner at the Waldorf to about 180 guests. It was a splendid affair in every way. Bernie Bamberger acted as Toastmaster and did a wonderful job. Mrs. Warburg especially was thrilled at the honor. She was so excited when the exercises were over she even kissed me. All her children who are in this country, and also other members of the Warburg family were at the dinner in the evening. Gerald, her second son, told me personally how pleased and impressed he was with the entire day's program. Mrs. Warburg, who sat next to me at the speakers' table, spoke very affectionately of you and also inquired about Helen.

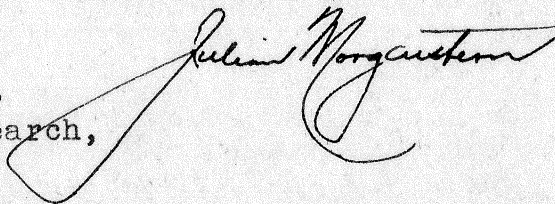
I had the joy of seeing Helen at some affair - I have forgotten just what it was - a few weeks go. She looked lovely. I have never seen her looking better, and it was, as always, a great joy to me to be with her.

Also one day this week, as I drove past your house, I saw Charles playing on the side walk. He, too, looked fine and healthy. Helen told me that he is reluctant to go to the Isaac M. Wise Religious School. Seemingly he finds it uninteresting. Helen told me that he said he learns much more from his father. This may be another urgent reason for you to come back home at the earliest possible moment. Your son is yearning eagerly for your personal instruction.

There is much more that I might say, for things are happening with terrific speed. But my time is up for today.

Heartiest greetings.

Affectionately,



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