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CABLE ADDRESS: MONUMENTS

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Dear Nelson:

The financial report for last year is nearly finished now, and will be sent, I hope, next week some time. It was delayed for a week because I gave Theodore permission to be absent a week collecting information on mat-making in the Hûleh region for Mrs. Crowfoot. Either simultaneously or a little later will go the financial report for July-August; I decided to keep them together because the Summer School crossed the two months.

The Summer School was very successful, and the character of its members higher than usual. I have recommended very strongly that the Summer School be taken over by the School as part of its organization and curriculum in future. Moon estimates that Jackson cleared \$1500 on this Summer School, but he will have the exact figures on his return, since he has carefully collected all the information and will tabulate it. Since Jackson has been increasingly unwilling to do anything for members of the Summer School who are not with his party (though he could more than cover his additional expenses and trouble by doing it), and since more than half of the members of this party were attracted through our office and not by Jackson, we do not owe Jackson anything, morally or otherwise, which has not been fully paid. The School took in \$270 in tuition fees this year, and made an estimated profit of \$300-400 on board and room, so the total ran around \$600-700. If we could have the total net profit of not less than \$2000, we could pay<sup>over</sup> half of the executive secretary's salary from the Summer School receipts. Moon did very well with the group, and is obviously a much better man than Jackson for this sort of thing. We cannot slip back into our old practice of running the whole show, aside from the services of the Director in Jerusalem, by voluntary contributions of time; our organization is now too elaborate, and too many interests are involved. The School is going to have an increasingly valuable educative function, and the Summer School will be an essential part of it.

We have arranged to start repairs on the house this coming week, going over all the woodwork most carefully, with Riemer and Hirsch (now reduced to a small concern, having gone bankrupt some time since because of Riemer's inability to skimp his contracts or to collect bills) doing the work. The painting, long overdue, will follow, with a man recommended strongly by Riemer and Hirsch. We want to get the place into the best possible shape before I leave—who knows what will be done with the balance in the treasury by the next director or directors, who may prove more economical—but may also prove less so!

Magnes went to Europe yesterday, to fight things out with the curatorium. At Levy's instance, I wrote the strongest statement I could on behalf of Magnes, and gave it to him. He made two sound emendations, to eliminate politics, and both he and Magnes (to whom he gave a copy) seemed very much pleased. Not that I think it will do any good, but ~~that~~ every little helps. --By the way, Levy has not yet paid his bill for last summer, but promises faithfully to do his best this autumn. I pointed out that an unpaid bill would give McCown a fat opportunity to make trouble, which impressed him considerably. He has avoided Stinespring and me as much as possible while in Jerusalem these past few months, and admits that it is solely because he is ashamed of himself. The baby is flourishing and Mrs. Levy seemed well when I saw her last. It is no joke being married to a talented and temperamental chap like Levy.

Fisher's son Clarence has just got married. He apparently is without a job! In any case the parents both know the girl and her family and heartily approve of the match. Fisher has just had most of his teeth out, having had a marvelous crop of abscesses, which explain much of his recent ill-health. He has been working valiantly at the Corpus.

The Petries and Ellis (their student) are staying at the School, having been here most of the summer. His library has been moved in, and occupies the salon upstairs. Since it hardly duplicates either ours or the British School, its presence is quite an asset. The Petries fit in extremely well, and cause no extra trouble; their requirements in the way of room are very much less than they were originally.

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There are only seven staying at the School besides our family, but this is the smallest number here since my arrival. Business should pick up notably in September, and we expect to be full during October and November. The water-supply is very low, and must be husbanded with the utmost care. This autumn will probably see the most acute water shortage--or one of the most acute--in years, since the city is growing so steadily and so much building is going on. It is hoped that the Aujā supply will come in this winter.

I do not know whether I shall attend the Rome Congress or not. If war breaks out I shall almost certainly not attend; Italy and Rome will not be pleasant to visit during wartime, and the Italian members of the Congress will all be told out for propaganda. A special Nazi delegation is coming to Rome, but happily does not seem to contain any outstanding Nazis, such as Schaeder. Jirku will not be there.

Your Kilwa paper, long overdue, will appear in the next number of the JPOS, now in press. I shall read the proof very carefully, and hope the results won't be too bad. Other papers in this number will be: my presidential address last year on "Palestine in the Earliest Historical Period" (30-35 pages), a long one by Canaan, another by Alt, shorter papers by Joshua Starr (long overdue), Ginsberg, Reifenberg, etc., etc. The number will contain 160 pages, bringing the total for the year to about 360<sup>pec</sup>--quite a respectable volume for \$5.00. Sukenik's monograph is the most important thing in the volume. I hope to get the first number of 1936 through press before I leave the end of December.

The material for the Bethel and Ader publications is now being completed, and work will begin shortly on finishing preparation of the material for Gibeah II and Petra. I hope to get the Bethel volume ready for press before leaving, and to bring all material for the other sites back to America, so that it can be worked up there. I have \$500 from the Hopkins next year for working up archaeological material, and I want to utilize it as much as possible.

Ruth joins me in sending Helen and you our best regards. The gang is all well.

Very sincerely yours,

*William*