

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Dear Dr. Glueck:

It will be a pleasure to have you with us this summer. I think that we can provide you with tent quarters at the excavation. Until I have raised a certain sum after which I am going in January-March it will be impossible to say just how well provided with funds our expedition will be. I have had very satisfactory publicity, and have made over a score of public addresses since arriving in Baltimore, but it remains to be seen whether I can cash in on them this winter. At all events, the excavation will ~~not~~ start until the middle of June, so our organization will be fixed quite definitely in April. This summer we shall need a much larger staff than hitherto, since everything must be recorded by the end of the campaign. Dr. Aage Schmidt will be there as photographer, and my Finnish friend, Dr. Saaristo, will also be there to help in one way or another. Dr. Kyle will have several of his men, though some of them will doubtless be ornaments rather than assistants. One or two of them I know, and cannot speak too highly of their qualities.

I should warn you in advance that the expedition will have a decidedly religious tone, though it will be very mixed in composition. But in our Dead Sea expedition of 1924 we had men of every faith, including Mr. Sukenik, to whom it was a novel, and at first disconcerting experience. But Dr. Kyle is one of the finest men I know, and you will be charmed with him, I know.

The American members of the staff usually pay their own way to Palestine, and are, of course, provided with quarters and with food while at the excavation, or while working for it at Jerusalem.

Dr. Sellers of Chicago will also probably join our staff; you must know him already.

I shall write you again, when I know how much money I can collect, telling you more definitely about our plans.

My third son, Stephen, was born Dec. 6th. Mother and child are doing very well, and will be home before Christmas. We are living in town, near the university, but expect to move out to a house which we are buying early in March. I hope to leave for Europe as soon after May 1st as I can manage, and to reach Palestine not later than May 25th.

Please give my best regards to Dr. Blank and Dr. Marcus.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. F. Albright*