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Hiram College (Hiram, Ohio), 1926-1930.

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HIRAM COLLEGE
HIRAM, OHIO

MINER LEE BATES, PRESIDENT
ARTHUR J. CULLER, DEAN
MARGARET RAND, DEAN OF WOMEN
FRED E. NESSELL, REGISTRAR

November 18, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
1485 East 106th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

yes
I am addressing you in behalf of Hiram College which observes annually a mid-year convocation on Washington's birthday, February 22. This mid-year convocation is held in honor of those students who have attained what we call Alpha scholarship. This represents the very highest honors which the College can bestow upon students. The occasion becomes a mid-year convocation of the College and its friends, and next to Commencement day itself is the most important day of the college year. The custom of the College has been to secure significant speakers to address the faculty, students and friends of the institution on that day.

I am writing to inquire if we might have the honor of your presence to give us an address on that occasion. The convocation is held at 10:00 A.M. and we could have our friends bring you from Cleveland, leaving there about 8:30 in the morning. After the convocation it is the custom for the faculty to take luncheon with the speaker, and we should be glad if you could remain as our guest.

I shall be in Cleveland on November 29 to give an address at the Euclid Avenue Christian Church and if I hear from you before that time I should be glad to call on you on the afternoon of that day and speak with you further about this occasion. We hope you may be able to accept this invitation for we would be highly honored by your presence.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Culler.

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November Twenty-third
1926

Dr. Arthur J. Culler,
Dean, Hiram College,
Hiram, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Culler,

Permit me to thank you for the very kind invitation contained in your letter of November eighteenth. I shall be glad to come to Hiram to address your College people and friends at your mid-year convocation.

I shall be very glad to have you come in to see me at The Temple when you come to Cleveland on the twenty-ninth.

With kindest regards and looking forward to meeting you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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December 6, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th st. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Permit me to thank you on behalf of our entire faculty for your acceptance of our invitation to give the address at our mid-year convocation February 22. It was my intention to call on you on Monday afternoon but I was delayed until the hour was too late.

The convocation takes place at 10:30 in the morning, the principal part of the program being your address, various scholastic announcements by the President and special music by the members of the college musical faculty and the united glee clubs of the college. After the convocation we trust you may remain with us for luncheon when you will be entertained by some members of the faculty.

I can take up with later the matter of transportation, but some of our Cleveland people will be glad to call for you and bring you to Hiram and take you back. I suggest this in case you prefer to do so, but if you would rather come in your own car that will be quite agreeable.

May I assure you again that our entire personnel is pleased with your acceptance.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Culler.
DEAN.

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February 16, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 156th And Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Owing partly to sickness in our family and partly to other conditions which have kept me close at Hiram, I have not been able to visit you at the Temple as I anticipated in my former letter. The plans for our Convocation exercises upon Washington's birthday, next Tuesday at 10:30 have, however, gone forward and we are looking ahead with pleasure to your address. President Bates will preside at the Convocation and will introduce you.

Mrs. Culler and I shall be very glad to entertain you and any friends you may bring with you for luncheon on that day. President Bates has accepted our invitation to lunch with us. We hope you may be able to stay for the luncheon and a short visit. The Alpha-Day banquet will be held in the evening at 6:30 to which you are also invited, although we are conscious of the fact that you may really not be able to stay for that occasion.

I do not think we made definite arrangements as to coming to Hiram, whether by car or by train. It is quite convenient to come on the Erie train, leaving Cleveland at 8:00 and arriving at Garrettsville-Hiram at 9:15.

You could then return to Cleveland at 3:00 in the afternoon. If you wish to come by train will you please drop us a note and we shall meet you at the station. If you prefer, however, to come by car and wish us to provide same, will you also kindly notify us and we will have someone call for you.

Assuring you that we are at your service in this matter, and that we are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to your coming, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Culler

DEAN

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February 17, 1927

Mr. Arthur J. Guller,
Hiram College,
Hiram, Ohio

My dear Dr. Guller:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 16th.
I plan to arrive at Hiram via the Erie train at
9:15 A.M.

I shall be very happy to avail myself of your
kind invitation for luncheon.

Anticipating with pleasure our meeting, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

P. S. Please let me know whether the subject,
such as "Democracy at the Crossroads" would be
appropriate for the occasion.

HIRAM COLLEGE

HIRAM, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 13, 1930.

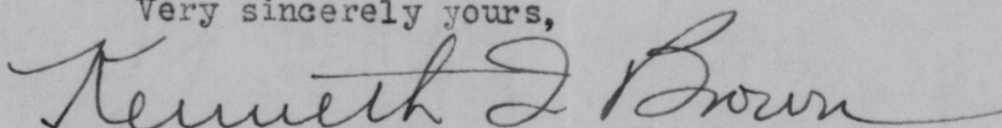
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret that you were unable to be present at the inaugural service last Friday. I want you to know how much I appreciate your friendly telegram of congratulations and good wishes.

Mrs. Max Adler, sister of Mr. Rosenwald, of Chicago, has mentioned you to me. I am hoping that I may have the privilege of meeting you sometime soon.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth I. Brown".

Kenneth I. Brown, President.

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