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Piqua, Ohio, 1921-1930.

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PIQUA, OHIO

GEO. C. DIETRICH, SUPERINTENDENT

PIQUA, OHIO, April 13 1921

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Will it be possible to engage you to deliver the commencement address to our Senior Class and their friends on Thursday evening June 9th?

There is a through train on the Big Four division of the New York Central to Sidney, Ohio, which is only a short distance from Piqua and with which there is trolly connection. If possible we will arrange to meet you at Sidney by automobile.

We will be greatly obliged to you for an immediate answer and statement of your terms. It has been our custom to set aside fifty dollars for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

GCD/HH

Geo. C. Dietrich

April 20th, 1921

Mr. George C. Dietrich,
Supt. Piqua Public Schools,
Piqua, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Dietrich,

Permit me to thank you for your
kind invitation to deliver the Commencement
address to your graduating class.

I should be most happy to accept,
but unfortunately I am scheduled to be in Cleve-
land on that date and for the entire week, as it
is the week preceding our Confirmation Service at
The Temple.

Trusting I may be fortunate enough
to be able to serve you at some future time, I beg
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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PIQUA, OHIO

GEO. C. DIETRICH, SUPERINTENDENT

PIQUA, OHIO, April 23, 1921 192

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:▪

About ten days ago, I extended an invitation to you to deliver the annual address to the senior class of our high school on Thursday evening June 9th. It is possible that the letter may have been lost in transit or that it has failed thus far to reach you. We would be pleased to have you with us. The honorarium has generally been about fifty dollars. If the terms and date are satisfactory we would appreciate an early reply.

Very truly yours,

Geo. C. Dietrich

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PIQUA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PIQUA, OHIO

March 28, 1930

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:

Will it be possible to engage you to deliver the annual address to our Senior Class and their friends on Thursday evening June 5th? You perhaps could take an afternoon train on the Big Four Railroad to Sidney, O. which is only a few miles north of Piqua and plan to return home the same night or early the next morning.

We will be very much pleased to have you with us. We have learned of the splendid address that you gave in Ashtabula at the time my brother H. C. Dietrich was Superintendent of Schools there.

We would like for you to state what honorarium you are accustomed to receive for services of this kind, when you reply to this letter.

May we hear from you soon?

GCD/H

Very truly yours,

G. C. Dietrich

March 28, 1930

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PIQUA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PIQUA, OHIO

April 15, 1930

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter which we wrote you in March, but which evidently failed to reach you. We trust this will meet a better fate. Will you please wire us, collect, your answer to the letter?

Very truly yours,

George C. Dietrich



WIRE COLLECT APRIL 16th, 1930

IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO DELIVER ADDRESS JUNE FIFTH
HONORARIUM ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS

A. H. SILVER

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PIQUA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PIQUA, OHIO

April 25, 1930

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:

We regret very much that the honorarium which you are accustomed to receive for commencement addresses is higher than our Board of Education is willing to assume, so I presume that we will have to make some other arrangements for a speaker. You will recall that you stated your fee would be one hundred fifty dollars.

I regret that you are not to be with us for I have heard your commencement addresses very highly commended.

Very truly yours,



George C. Dietrich