

St. Beatenberg  
August 5. 1896



My dear Professor Goldziber

Mr. Chester is known to me personally. He has been assistant to Professor Toy at Harvard for some time. I think he is a very studious young fellow, with a great liking for Arabic. He has tried to read himself into the language; but I doubt whether his attainments in that respect are very great. However, I think you will find him an excellent student; one who will follow you closely and profit by your instruction to very utmost of his power. You need have no hesitancy in doing all you possibly can for him.

I see from a notice that Bacher has an

article on a Heb.-Persian dictionary in the  
ZAW. If you are in correspondence with  
him, you might tell him that in the Library  
of Columbia there is also a Heb.-  
Persian dictionary, purchased in Teheran by  
a missionary some years ago.

My Bahia-legend is finished and ready  
for printing. I am working now all I can  
on Bar Ali - but can find no one willing  
to undertake its publishing. I am also deep  
in Palestinian geography - as I have to deliver  
a course of lectures on the subject to our  
Jewish Religious Schools' Teachers' Association  
next winter.

Many thanks for the ex-  
tract from the DLZ. An American has carried  
off a Samaritan Pentateuch dated A. H. 35!!  
The date is in a cryptogram -

Very cordially yours  
Richard Gottheil