

September 19, 1944

Mr. Arthur S. Dewing
286 Waverly Avenue
Newton, Massachusetts

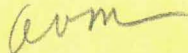
Dear Mr. Dewing,

The General Meetings Committee of Bennington College would like to invite you to give an address to the College Community on some subject of interest to you. Your intimate knowledge of Greek coins has been mentioned in connection with this plan; it might be very interesting to hear you on that subject and related matters. I wonder whether it wouldn't be advisable and yet technically very difficult for you to exhibit any of the coins. Will you please let me know what topic you would like to speak about and whether you would want to use any projecting equipment.

Our preference for a date would be Thursday or Friday, November 9th or 10th respectively or any evening from November 22nd to 24th inclusive.

It is our practice to pay the speaker's travelling expenses and a nominal fee of \$25.00, and we shall be happy to entertain you while here.

Very sincerely yours,



Horst Mendershausen

ARTHUR S. DEWING
PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING
89 BROAD STREET
BOSTON

September 22, 1944.

Dear Mr. Mendershausen:

Your letter dated September 19 has just reached my home address, and I take pleasure in responding immediately.

I shall be glad to talk to the College Community on Thursday, November 9. It happens that I have an engagement in New York on the afternoon of Friday, November 10, and I could not reach the College in time for a talk on that date. You suggest a date between November 22 and 24. November 23 is Thanksgiving and that would rule out that date; I have a directors' meeting either the 22nd or 24th, - the date has not yet been fixed. I could let you know in a week or so if one of those dates was imperative. Also, any date between November 1 and 9, or any date in the week beginning November 13 would be agreeable to be. I am sorry to be so indefinite in regard to the date, but it is sometimes difficult to arrange my plans so far in advance.

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Concerning the subject, I am quite neutral. I shall be very glad indeed to discuss Greek coins, and I would try and make an interesting talk. Presumably, the members of the College would be more interested in a discussion of Greek coins as works of art than they would in a study of the technical phases of Numismatics. I could readily bring up some coins of particular interest, but, obviously, these could not be seen except after the talk, or under glass in the library. I have some negatives of coins which I am sending to Mrs. Dewing, suggesting that she get in touch with you or such member of the committee who would have charge of the projector equipment to see if they could be used. I am of the opinion, however, that the negatives are too small. I am also writing the Numismatic Society to ascertain whether or not they have any slides of Greek coins that could be used.

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Another subject that might be of interest would be the discussion of the peasant life of the modern Greek. At such a talk I could readily exhibit some of the articles of apparel and household articles of the modern Greek peasant. Such a talk would, perhaps, have more general interest but would, obviously, be of less importance to the students of art and history.

Never mind about either traveling expenses or the nominal fees. I come up to Bennington often to see Mrs. Dewing and should simply make the talk during one of these visits.

Mr. Mendershausen

September 22, 1944

It was a pleasure to hear from you; and I trust
I may be of service to your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arthur H. Dewing". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small mark at the end.

Mr. Horst Mendershausen
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

cc- to Mrs. Dewing

Nov. 9

September 25, 1944

Mr. Arthur S. Dewing
Public Service Building
89 Broad Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Dewing,

I am delighted to hear that you are willing to come up and give a talk to us. The evening of Thursday, November 9th, would suit us very well and I gather from your letter that it would be suitable to you too.

As for the subject, a discussion of the peasant life of the modern Greek would be very good and so would be any exhibit of paraphernalia that go with it. May I ask you to suggest the title of the lecture that we should announce sometime in October?

Apart from this lecture we think that it might be very interesting to have an exhibit of some of your Greek coins under glass in the Library. If you were willing to do it, we could have that either on the day of your lecture or on some other day when you are at Bennington.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Horst Mendershausen

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Nov. 9

ARTHUR S. DEWING
PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING
89 BROAD STREET
BOSTON

September 27, 1944

Mr. Horst Mendershausen
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

Dear Mr. Mendershausen:

I thank you for your letter of September twenty-fifth with reference to a possible lecture before the Bennington College Community. The date of Thursday, November 9, is satisfactory to me.


I have been thinking over the matter of the subject. I think I can give a talk on The Early History of Coinage that will be profitable both to the students of art and to the students of history. Perhaps such a talk will fit into the life of the Bennington Community better than a talk on the peasant life of the modern Greek.

After writing you on September twenty-second, I asked the American Numismatic Society, of which I happen to be Vice-President, to examine their slide material and to advise me whether or not they had appropriate slides of Greek coins which they would loan to me. I have a letter this morning from our librarian stating that the Society has over 300 slides. From these, I know I shall be able to pick out some dozen or fifteen slides of Greek coins which will illustrate, very well indeed, my talk.

I shall be very glad to bring up a collection of Greek coins for exhibition in the Library during the period following my talk, if appropriate facilities can be arranged.

I am sending a carbon copy of this letter to Mrs. Dewing, and I have suggested that she discuss the matter with you.

Sincerely,

Arthur S. Dewing
Arthur S. Dewing 

cc- to Mrs. A. S. Dewing

Bennington College
November 8, 1944

To:

From: Mr. and Mrs. Smith

You are cordially invited to a party at the Smiths after the lecture tomorrow evening, Thursday, November 9th, to meet Mr. Arthur S. Dewing. Will you please let Miss Beebe know whether or not you can come?

November 10, 1944


Mr. Arthur S. Dewing
Public Service Building
89 Broad Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Dewing,

I am asking the Comptroller's Office to send you a check for your honorarium and if you will send me a statement of your traveling expenses in connection with your recent visit to Bennington, I shall be glad to send you a check to cover them.

May I thank you most cordially in the name of the Meetings Committee for the very interesting talk you gave last evening. I have heard many favorable comments.

Sincerely yours,


Marjorie Beebe
Secretary, Meetings Committee

ARTHUR S. DEWING
PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING
89 BROAD STREET
BOSTON

November 13, 1944

Miss Marjorie Beebe, Secretary
Meetings Committee
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

Dear Miss Beebe:

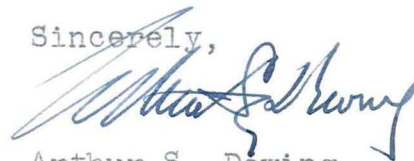
I have your letter of November
10 with reference to my talk before Bennington
College.

My great interest in Bennington
is such that I should prefer not to receive an
honorarium. I come up to see Mrs. Dewing constant-
ly so that the travelling expenses are of negligible
importance; and I should prefer not to submit any
account.

*check for
honorarium
has already
gone.*

I am glad indeed that the students,-
and possibly some of the faculty, - enjoyed the
talk. It was a privilege indeed and a pleasure
for me to do this small thing for Bennington.

Sincerely,



Arthur S. Dewing

ARTHUR S. DEWING
PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING
89 BROAD STREET
BOSTON

*Mr. Jones thanked
Ruth - 11-21-44
checks will be
credited to Ruth's
clergy.
Edg. MacLester.
ASD*

November 15, 1944

Miss Marjorie Beebe, Secretary
Meetings Committee
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

Dear Miss Beebe:

The Comptroller's office very kindly sent me check F-1928 drawn on the First National Bank of North Bennington, Vermont, in the amount of \$25.00, as an honorarium in connection with my recent talk at Bennington.

I appreciate very much the courtesy of the College in sending me the honorarium. On the other hand, I am very reluctant to accept it because it was a pleasure and a privilege not only to talk before the students, but also to be able to do something personally for the benefit of the College.

I am, therefore, returning the check to you, with the observation that the pleasure of talking before the students is very ample compensation for any efforts on my behalf.

Enc.
ASD.HLM

Very truly yours,

Arthur S. Dewing
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