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Dear Professor Barth,

I have been meaning to write you for some time to thank you once more for the reminders you send me from time to time that you are remembering one of your old pupils. But now I have further to say have delighted I was the other week to get the offer from Geneva of procuring a copy of your 1928-9 lectures on Ethnics. I have already received the first volume and have been reading it with great interest. The second volume which I await with great eagerness will, I understand, contain the lectures I myself heard you deliver in Münster. I always

regretted missing that first course of lectures which I felt were necessary for the proper understanding of the second course, and now through your kindness I am to have the lack made good. I am very proud indeed that you gave my name as that of one who would be anxious to have a copy of your lectures and I shall prize them greatly.

I hope you are happy in your new work in Basel and that everything will go well with you and yours. You will please remember that when you come to Scotland you will be more than welcome in our home if we can be of any use to you. And even if you cannot stay with us you must certainly come and see us.

I am now well as in my first year in Edinburgh and am very well content with the conditions of work there. I have on the whole a fine set of students and of course most delightful colleagues. It is pretty hard work writing new courses of lectures

but I hope soon to be able to settle down to do some writing. I am anxious to make an examination of the sociological approach to the Old Testament which meets with so much favour to-day and to try to show wherein it is inadequate. I'm not altogether happy about Vischer's *Christuszeugnis im A.T.* which I have been reading with much interest. It seems to me that he makes unnecessary difficulties for those who recognise the relative truth of many of the results of Biblical Criticism. But the book is very stimulating nevertheless, and I await the subsequent volumes with interest.

Please remember me kindly to Frau Professa Berth.

With warmest greetings from my wife and myself,

Yours very sincerely,
Norman W. Porteus.
