

In regard to the monetary situation - at its best it will never exceed a moderate income even at its highest position but probably sufficient for a modest and comfortable life. The main problem is not one of the future but one of the immediate present. It will be a case of starting out with a pair of shoe-strings, nor will this condition be relieved during the completion of the M.S. thesis and adjusting to a new job and if it is decided a Ph.D. would be to our advantage in the future there would be further demands. It looks like a monetary crisis is inevitable and means a sacrifice and deprivation of many material things. As to acquiring money for the sake of money alone is a profession in itself and demands full time and energy and while I am not blind to its value will never have that time to pursue it as either a hobby or a profession. We will be assured first of a comfortable life and means for the education of the children. Frankly I do not see much hope for the Bee family ever being placed in the leisure class but at the same time will not turn down an opportunity to do so if not considered detrimental to the happiness of the family.

The problems are astronomical but I am like you in that they can never be properly treated until formally experienced in life. Religion, a complete marriage, compatibility, temperments, habits (incidentally let me place your mind at ease in regard to wearing my slippers in bed - you will not find them quite so hazardous as would first appear. You forget I wear my long haired goat-skin slippers over them 😊!), politics etc. And while they are all important they pale to secondary consideration when contrasted with the problems already discussed.

The more I want to say this more I find that you have already referred to them or so aptly expressed them in your letters so will let the case rest for the present.

The more I think about it the more thoroughly