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My dear Friend:-

It was a great pleasure to receive your letter brought by Herr Anthes, whom we have been very glad to welcome in London. We have laid out some work for him from photographs of the Coffin Texts, and I hope we can keep him busy for a long time to come.

I have recently been thinking that it might be possible to combine our glossary of the Coffin Texts with your work on the dictionary in some way. We might for example agree to meet the expense of ~~making the Zettel~~ printing the Zettel, if you were willing to have them made in two sets: one for our Coffin Text glossary and one for the Wb. What would you think of such a plan? It would enable you to incorporate into the Wb. this fundamentally important material. It is a pity to produce a dictionary so widely based on all the documents, except the Coffin Texts.

I was very much relieved, and very glad indeed to hear that Henri has given up the struggle for a medical education. The risk is indeed far too great, and the difficulties overwhelming. I can quite understand that he must be keenly disappointed, but I am sure that both you and he will be much happier in the end. I have a number of letters to send back by Herr Anthes, and so I must be brief. Give my warmest greetings to all the family and to the friends and colleagues, and be assured that you all have our deepest sympathy in the terrible ordeal through which you are going. There is great resentment regarding French policy on the continent, -resentment which is both felt and expressed everywhere among the English. I am inclined to think that it must lead to some political action in restraint of the French.

Always faithfully yours,

James H. Breasted

To
Prof. Adolf Erman,
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