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December 18, 1923.

Professor Adolf Erman,
Peter-Lennéstr. 36,
Berlin-Dahlem, Germany.

My dear Friend:

Frances and I have received with a great deal of interest and pleasure your letter and that of Frau Professor, written not long after your return from Denmark. I am delighted that you had such a pleasant visit there. I only wish that we were near enough so that we could give you a similar vacation as our guests here in America. I hope that you will never forget that we are always your loyal friends, deeply interested in all that you are doing and anxious to be of all possible assistance.

I have been examining the possibility of sending funds by registered letter and I find that they are not safe in the German mails. The fact that a letter is registered makes it too evident that its contents are valuable, and such letters are constantly disappearing. Hence, I have chosen a different way which is perfectly safe. We shall send all remittances in the future through the American Express Company. Yesterday, December 17th, I remitted to you through them, the sum of \$25.00.

I have made the remittances in five checks of \$5.00 each, which you can have cashed separately. These will be paid to you by the office of the American Express Company in Berlin, in American bank notes. To save you trouble, these checks have been made payable to Käthe Erman. If the American Express Company has one-dollar notes, it will be better to take them and have them converted into marks, one dollar at a time.

With regard to the Dictionary, I am writing to the other gentlemen a report of your statement, and I hope you will hear from them soon. I am remitting you from here for the Dictionary, the sum of \$50, as follows:

T. George Allen - \$25.00
James H. Breasted - 25.00

These funds for the Dictionary will likewise be sent through the American Express Company. Perhaps it will save you trouble if I make the checks for the Dictionary payable to Dr. Grapow so that you will not be obliged to go personally to the American Express bank to obtain payment. I hope that these remittances will enable the work of the Dictionary to proceed without any interruption.

I shall be sailing a day or two after Christmas for Egypt, where I expect to arrive on the 16th of January, to be present at the opening of the sarcophagus of Tutenkhamon. I shall, of course, be writing you something of the results. Meantime, old friend, with the warmest good wishes and holiday greetings to you and your household, I am, always

Very faithfully yours,

James H. Breasted

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