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Cornell University,  
Ithaca, N. Y.,  
May 18, 1925.

Prof. Adolf Erman,  
36 Peter-Lenne Street,  
Berlin-Dahlem,  
Germany.

My dear friend:

I have read with great interest your last interesting letter to me, addressed to Egypt, which has followed me to America, enclosing also your "Bericht" regarding the work on the Dictionary.

Replying to your question, I should say that there would be no objection from this side of the water, and indeed I think it would be very appropriate if your proposed reference to Mr. Rockefeller's gift should be *included* mentioned, as you suggest, in the preface of the Dictionary.

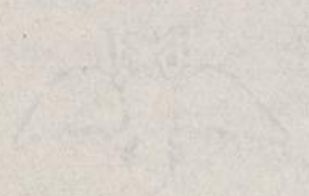
It may be, however, that you may yourself wish to consider very carefully the effect of such a public announcement in Germany itself; especially in view of the fact that when the proper time comes you will probably be addressing (through me if you wish) a request to Mr. Rockefeller for the funds to complete the supplementary volumes. If there is any danger, however, that the tax officials and other gentlemen of this kind would make you trouble, I should think it wise to leave out all mention of the source of the gift. If you think it wise to omit any such mention there will be no hard feeling whatever on the part of the donor. If, on the other hand, you do not anticipate any trouble, I should insert the name of Mr. Rockefeller in the preface as you have suggested to me.

I am deeply interested to hear of the progress of the work and delighted to know that all is going so well. It brings back many old memories, especially your reference *to* my journey among the Museums. How little in those days could we dream of all that has happened since!

At the present moment I am busily engaged filling a temporary lectureship at Cornell University,

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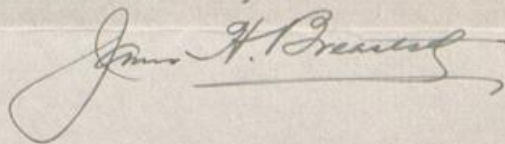
Ithaca, N. Y. The subject is "Evolution of Civilization", and as I had very little time in Egypt to think about the preparation of these lectures I have been kept exceedingly busy since my arrival here. Meantime, a whole series of family mishaps beset us. Charles has been undergoing a severe operation for hemorrhoids; our little Astrid was exposed to rabies and is being inoculated every day with antirabies serum; my wife is in the hospital, having been operated on last week for thyroid trouble (goitre); and I was laid up for the better part of a week with pharyngitis and fever myself. Of course you understand that this was all caused by the fact that I have worked in the tomb of Tutenkhamon! If the newspapers had learned about this they would have seriously reported that I was in the clutches of the enraged Pharaoh's ghost! I am glad to say, however, that we have succeeded in exorcising him. Charles is out and around again, the little girl is better, and my wife has now begun a promising recovery. She received two letters from Doris and Annemarie which we both read with a great deal of pleasure. She will be replying later.

I am very glad to hear that Frau Professor is continuing to improve and we earnestly hope that she may soon be entirely her old self again. You must be enjoying the visits of your daughters and granddaughters.

Charles and I are sailing for England on June 6th in the interests of our new Oriental work. I fear that our visit will be so short that I shall not be able to run over to Berlin as I should like to do. However, I will write you from London and perhaps it may be possible for us to see you all again.

Charles joins me in warmest greetings to you all.

Always your old friend,



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