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My Dear Bremen.

You will have ascribed
my very long silence, I dare say,
to the right cause, — a
guilty conscience! It is
now 9 months since I left
Berlin with all your ostraca-
copies, and with the promise
to send you a lithographed
'Heft'; and yet nothing

has been sent. You will, I
hope, believe that it is not
the will but the way that
fails me to perform what I
promised. I am, in truth, still
at my own (i.e. the Exploration
Fund's) ostraca and can not
expect to see them finished for
still 2 months or so; although
I work hard at them. I will
not therefore ~~make~~ any further
promises, or even speculations,
as to when the Berlin ostraca
can be ready; they shall be
done — that I can promise —
as soon as my present ones

are off my hands. I need not say
that the Berlin texts have been of
immense value in the work; a
number of words, which I had
thought ill-copied in my own texts,
have been found again in yours.
Especially rich the ostraca are in
names of measures; for instance
gw, maa~~re~~, ka~~re~~, Bece,
mocrn ~~XII~~^{III}, as well as wTEN-
-TANCE which you know. The last,
if it were not feminine, would
be just = the name $\text{Ḫer} \alpha \gamma \beta \epsilon$.

There are a number of other new
words which I hope some one
will be able to explain.

There is a possibility of Griffith being
appointed to a "Readership" in
Egyptian at Oxford. At any

rate, such a place will probably
be founded and he is of course
the man for it. His last book
makes me anxious to begin
Demotic.

My brother is lately back from
S. Africa, after nearly dying there
of Dysentery. Our losses by illness
have been far greater than by
Boer bullets.

I have sent off 2 books today; the
small "Keats" to Frau Horn, with
my heartiest good-wishes for Christmas;
the other to Peter with my love.

Remember me to all in the Museum, please.
Yrs. ever

W. E. Crum

I write to the Museum
as I can not clearly remember your new
address.