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My Dear Brman.

I have now received two letters from you & have replied to neither. As to the last (about plates missing in your copy of my Cairo Catalogue)

I don't know where these 6 plates are to be obtained. I have written to Maspéro — still in France, I believe, — to ask him to let me have them, since

he is supposed now to be the general editor of the Catalogue. I hope he will send me them. I am so sorry that the copy I sent you should have been defective. I wonder if others were so too!

You seem to have had a good holiday. There is nothing like North Italy — except South Italy, where I should like to make a walking-tour in cool weather.

When we returned from Switzerland — my wife's "Nachkur" — we stayed a month or more in or near London; & then she came to the east coast (Yorkshire), ~~which~~ to paint, while I went to Scotland to

see my relations, who are all getting old now, like the rest of us.

I have now returned to my wife, on the Yorkshire coast: a wonderful North-sea coast, of cliffs and sea-air, a short time of which ought to be a "pick-me-up" for the winter. Next week, London.

I am getting very near to the end of a long job now — my British Museum Catalogue. I am now printing the final numbers, and have only the Indices and Introduction to prepare. I have various smaller jobs on hand which will keep me employed; but it is better to have a big one as a "pièce de résistance," at the same time. I have been considering whether it would be

well — for Coptic studies and for me —
to embark upon a dictionary. Guidi
& Steindorff have both spoken to me of
it, & Gardiner, this summer, told me
that you had referred to it also.

There are, however, many questions to be
settled first: — Are not others (?
Leipoldt) contemplating the same
thing? Could an adequate dictionary
be carried out by one man, of my
age? Must not one wait for an
edition of Shenoute? And would
not a re-edition of most other texts
be required, as a basis? Should
a dictionary be attempted without
Demotic? If you have anything
to say on these points, & could
be troubled to say them, I should
be very grateful. Ever yours
W. G. W.