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My Dear Brman.

I ought to have written to
you when to send the plates.
Indeed, I owed you a letter
already, in reply to that which
you kindly wrote me regarding
my idea of a Coptic Dictionary.
I am happy that you think me
capable of doing it — I wish
I felt your confidence were
justified. I fear I have not
'method' enough to carry such a

large undertaking through successfully.
Moreover, one should be act. 20,
instead of act. 40, to begin so big
a job.

For the present, I am completely occupied
with finishing off my Brit. Museum
Catalogue. Indices &c. take a long
time, and 'corrigenda', alas!, almost
as long.

I think that, when the time comes for
beginning the dictionary, I must go
to Berlin & see you & to Leipzig
& see Steindoff, and get my head
cleared on a number of points,
which must be settled & decided
before such a work is begun.

Nein
I have heard from Steindorf, on the subject. I fear he makes a sacrifice in renouncing the Dictionary which he had so long contemplated. But he has many other things on hand; ~~and~~ while I shall, after this winter, have a deal of spare time.

I must write, in any case, to von Jensen & Leiboldt, and see how they accept my proposal. I think both of them are contemplating similar work.

Griffith is thinking of a Demotic Dictionary & is already collecting material. That ought to precede the Coptic one.

We are settled down again now, in this dirty town, after a much longer holiday in the country than usual.

My wife is a born 'cockney', and
would never be contented, I fear, to
live ~~in the~~ out of London. Yet the
longer I stay here, the less I like it.
You are lucky to be outside Berlin.

I hope you are all well and that your
eyes are not giving trouble. I have
just begun glasses:



Remember me
to the Gardiners,
please, & to the people in the
Museum (tho' Schäfer is almost the
only one of my friends left there now).

Yr. ever
W. P. Ström.