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My dear Brman.

I did not acknowledge
your letter sooner, as I
was waiting to see what
the people at Oxford would
say. Today I have heard
that they are, in an indefin-
ite way, favorable to my
proposal: naturally they are
not willing to commit themselves
(or their successors in office)
regarding a work still so

entirely in nubibus. But I can
say at any rate, that it was
the emphasis which your far
too kind letter, and Steindorff's,
laid upon the need of the book
and upon my fitness to under-
take it, which inclined the
"Delegates of the Press" to look
favorably upon it.

You really are a good friend!
Indeed too good a friend; for
your picture of me, with my
"theologische Bildung" (!), must
have appeared to them an
impossible exaggeration.

I only hope that time may be given me, to show myself, in some degree, worthy of such complimentary opinions.

And as yet, my wretched Catalogue is still not finished! Christmas was to have been the limit; now it is Easter — and will even that see it? Index-making is a long & dull job.

Peter's letter is admirable; the last I had from him was, I think, still in a Ungielschrift.^s Next Christmas he must write & tell me of something he wants; that is a far better

present than a book one
can't read; & my ingenuity is
exhausted in invention!

What doings in Russia! I see
that the Academic Printing Press
is involved in the strike. I
trust von Lemm's works will
not be burnt, before they are
published, by the revolutionaries.

With the sincerest thanks again,

Yr. ever

N. J. Kraus