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My Dear Erman.

It is long since I wrote
to you or had news of you
& yours. I am today reminded
of my shortcomings by seeing
on account of your remarks
on Egyptian climate, at the
Academy & of your presenting
them with the "Funds" last
volume. The poor Fund!
We are, as you know, in a

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very low state & shall be in
still greater difficulties next
year, if America proves again
as barren as last year. But
I much doubt whether Petrie
will be any better off; it will
be just as difficult for him to
raise sufficient money. He can't
do every year what he was able
to achieve (only with much effort)
for his first season. It is indeed
lamentable that money should
be so hard to find for any
reasonable purpose, when silly

hospitals and charities can always
get more than they deserve! Why do
not a few rich men remember that the
hospitals etc. could be but little
the worse, if they did not subscribe
for a few years, while such needs as
ours might be kept from sheer ruin
by one or two sensible millionaires?
However, it is vox clamantis in deserto
even to express such ideas.

I do not find Dictionary-making very
amusing, as yet. I don't know how
many 1000 slips I already have
— the whole of the Sa'id. & the Greek
Psalters and a part of the Pitris —
and as yet, no very encouraging
prospect for the future. ~~It~~ I am
sometimes terrified at this ever-

-growing material & doubt whether I shall ever accomplish the ordering of such a mass. The settlement too of all sorts of small problems as to method, which often need resettlement & rearrangement - all this makes one wish for a competent collaborator.

But there is such a one to be found.

Is Lotte to come over here at Easter, & if so, what will be the date of her arrival? We shall probably be away just at Easter-time; but we much hope to see her, if she is in London before or after that.

Yr ever
W. G. S.