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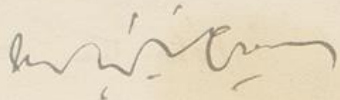
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mein lieber Roman - Nicht genug, dass Sie mir Ihre  
"Schulss." schicken, gestern kommt dann das "Wörter-  
buch" selbst an. Die "Kommission", die mir dies  
schenkt, ~~sich~~ <sup>das</sup> sind wohl Sie - wer sonst? - und ich  
kann wirklich nicht zu danken, für ein so  
jung unerwartetes, um nicht zu sagen: unverdientes,  
Geschenk. Wie hoch ich es schätze, wie ich es  
bewundere, wie ich einen solchen Grad der Fort-  
schritte bewundere - dies brauche ich Ihnen ja kaum  
zu sagen. Ich durchblättere das Heft und merke,  
auf jeder Seite, Dinge, vorant auch ich zu achten  
haben würde. Ihnen persönlich, der Sie das  
Ganze konzipiert, organisiert und durchgeführt  
haben, hätte ich - hätte ich nicht viele mehr  
- unsere aufrichtigsten Glückwünsche zum  
schon Erreichten und zum noch Kommenden.  
Nicht am Mindesten bewundere ich das schöne,  
wie es scheint nie versagende,

Autographierverfahren. Das ist wohl dasselbe, wovon  
Sie mir damals erzählten und das man ebenfalls  
~~für~~ die demet. Grammatik Spiegelbros angewandt  
hat. Hätten wir hier so etwas Ähnliches, so  
würden auch wir daran danken. Allein diese  
neuen Methoden sind, so viel ich sehe, bis heute  
in England unbekannt geblieben.

Mit allen guten Wünschen,  
an Frau Emma & Sie, fürs

Neujahr



# SIR F. PETRIE ON AGE OF CIVILIZATION.

*Times Aug. 29 1925*

## OLDER THAN NEANDERTHAL MAN.

An immense antiquity, so great, in fact, as to ante-date Neanderthal Man and all other known human remains, was claimed by Professor Sir Flinders Petrie for a civilization in a paper on "The Earliest Civilization of Egypt" read before the Anthropological Section. The actual words of the concluding portion of his paper, in which he made this claim, were :—

"There is no need to worry about whether the Galley Hill man can be so old ; we have wiped the slate clean, and can now start from a very much earlier age with an advanced form of the human type that is far before the Neanderthal man or any other yet known."

The claim was based on evidence discovered within the last three years in the basin of the Fayum. Beneath an already known pre-historic settlement the works of a still earlier culture had been found. It was termed Badarian from the name of the place 30 miles south of Asyut, and its pottery was finer and thinner than any of a later date discovered in Egypt. From the fact that some of the work was found at levels which were covered by water after 10,000 B.C. to 13,000 B.C, it was argued that the civilization dated at least to the earlier of the two periods, and the evidence suggested that it was of an even greater antiquity ; for the position of the deposits showed that the Badarians brought their civilization into Egypt from outside and thereafter gradually became degraded. Their finest work was done shortly after their arrival in the country.

The civilization of the Fayum must be regarded as of the same type as the Badarian, and as it spread right into Palestine we were dealing with a widespread civilization of one style and character. The portions of human skulls recently discovered in the Fayum were of this period, and were absolutely and completely the modern man.

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