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My dear Erman,

I was delighted to find that
the dictionary progresses and that
you have seen another hieroglyph
and that the Egyptian language is now
known as far as La. I am
delighted too to possess it, though it
involves a feeling of humiliation
at ones ignorance in ones own facts
and distress (at 62) of ever being
anything but ignorant. It is
very good of you to think to send it
me who am perforce a man of
the inkpot and the bookplate, who

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finds it more & more difficult to
spare time for anything but the
task in hand. I have spent
nearly the whole summer prepar-
-ing the plates of a new volume
though it will be a long time I
am afraid before it is published.

But I am sure no one will
attempt the job in my lifetime
since it is one of the worst toils
in the needleholes (No. 49) Wesley,
and, as Gray & Wilkinson saw, it
in a vastly better state, these
copies have had to be interlined
with mine. However fast or slow
the publication of *Thores* goes on,
Rekhuiri will, I hope, be finished
entirely next season, and that

is a big task and I suppose it will
be years before it is out. By that
time perhaps a third edition of
Agrippinus Heber by Emma-Ramke
— X will be needed. Does your
earliest love or your latest appeal
to you most?

I shall perhaps also undertake
a volume for the "Papers" of the
New York Museum to include
traces of viziers at Mebes — Ues,
Haben, Hapuseneb, Ameneu de.
Raury, Redmine, if I hope, before
my Papers, must go elsewhere;
but I hope will not be long
delayed. I feel that in viziers'
books we are likely to have the
most serious & exact contributions
to history, if any. I start for

Egypt in a few days & expect to do
some work at Ellensma & at Khoya
as well as at Mebes. As the little
girl said at a well-thread table,
"I wish I was twins". I think I
shall soon celebrate my 100th
bookplate. As each means nearly
a week's work, it represents some
 toil! I shall be fortunate if I see
all my tracings published, that I
have now secured; so I don't suppose
I shall do much more of that.
I wish I had time, like you, to boil all
Egypt down into a volume, you in
words & I in picture, but I shall have
to be content to be a Zettel Sammler
in a small sphere. I hope you keep
your health & humour and that it
goes better with your family now. The
worst is over for Germany, we may
hope. Best regards to Frau Emma
from us both. Yours very faithfully, Kiefel