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Kummetz
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My dear Erman,

It is very amusing (though otherwise extremely pleasant & profitable) to find you issuing large volumes with extraordinary regularity while we younger men achieve about one in a decade, and the still younger ones none at all. One must except Capart, who ought to get the Nobel Prize for the size of his output alone.

There is a delicious sense of having become more learned & competent

Truly by having your *Wörterbuch*
on one's shelf and cutting its
pages, to say nothing of the proofs
that lies in it that great undertakings
do get carried out and that
the ancient hopes are fulfilled.
We are already half way to the
Millennium!

I do so much hope to hear
soon, directly or indirectly, that
Frau Esmann is better & that the
doctor prescribes a visit to Oxford
in the summer. What is the good of
an Oriental Congress if only the
Ymagiers are splashing about
and the man who swam the
Channel is not there. I should
like the Oxford Congress to be a

positive proof that the war is over.
Can't you come & persuade the
Intransigents of Berlin to come
too?

There is no news at all to record.
Thebes is as dull as it must have
been in the 28th dynasty. We had
the farmers with us for a fortnight
and that was very pleasant.

Jonguet has been up and
promises to be very friendly to
Laurille and can make me proud
that he is a Frenchman.

And Measted is here and has
not lost his enthusiasms and
large projects. He has so much
energy still that he makes me
ashamed to be tired to death
of 7800 and 3990 and 2 x 1.

My wife is as hard working as ever
and is the only one who cheats ~~the~~
Lace (~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~) and carries some
of the best things in Egypt off to
England. He will probably stop this
also before long & put a prohibitive
Export duty on them too. (May be
he judges with the judgment of the
great god!)

Well, the lent-lilies and crocuses
and primroses will soon be
coming out (as well as ~~the~~ and ~~the~~
and ~~the~~) and we shall be
going back to Drans Hill &
the green hedges of England.
(How are the frogs of Peter Semie's
Strasse, by the way?)

With kindest regards from us both
to Dran & man & yourself
Yours very faithfully
W. de launhardt