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My dear Erman,

The great dictionary must now
be finished - a day looked forward
to through years of hard preparation
and then of bitter despair. But it
has come nevertheless and we are
all heartily glad that you have
been able to see these ten splendid
volumes ranged on the shelf. I
am glad too that I have put away
a few years in which to work
with a comfortable sense that I
have a dictionary up to date
and have not to be groping for
words here and there and display
my colossal ignorance by
lacunae in translations when

The sense had long ago been established.
I hope I have repaid you a little
by my *Bilderbücher*. I too at
last have found publishers for
all my stocks of tracings if I
can live to prepare them. I
hope before I leave for Egypt to
finish the plates of all but the
religious scenes in *Rekhamiré*. I
think there will be about 200
single plates, that is to say three
volumes, and I hope that the
first will appear not much
more than a year hence. I
do not expect to finish these,
but I shall leave some nasty
remains for my successors - if
there are any.

My wife and I go to Leyden tomorrow.
How I wish I could meet you there!
We go out at the end of November to
see what can be done in six weeks at
Bent Hasan. It is needed!
Our best greetings to Frau Emma, yourself
& the family. Yours truly, Davies