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Dear Professor Erman,

Very many thanks for the baby Die Welt am Nil
both for its own sake, for I note in the first pages the easy
skill in presentation which was so marked in Life in
Ancient Egypt, and that you shared with me to have
a copy of your last-born. You have a fertility - which
should cheer the heart of Hitler & Mussolini and find
acceptance in their highest quarters - if they can be said
to be higher (I am not au fait in the most modern
religion).

I have not, I must confess, been right through the book
yet. The necessity of copying for both plates 300 photo-
-graphs (and very bad ones!) of the temple of Dchara
leaves me little time for reading. But today has been
one of the very few red-letter days of life, as I have
carried to London a heavy roll of materials for about
80 plates for the formers. These at least should
be snatched out of the hands of inconsiderate date.
The text of Retchmore has not quite got to the printing

Stage but is very near it. Also my wife and I have made a beginning with the Tomb of Ramesse' which has had a chequered history and has fallen into our hands to be done. In short I have a lot on hand and have ^{had} my attention distracted from a consideration of the European Tragedy-force. But I do not intend to translate Das Geschehnis eines Lebensmiedens.

Our garden - three acres of it! - is bright with autumn flowers and apples and the red foliage of trees and runs down to a square mile of wood, quiet and lonely. So I rarely even go into Oxford. We sail again to Egypt on Nov. 15, where we shall work as quietly, I hope. Much more quietly than usual, I expect. Our Museum is doing no exceleration this year, and poor Nelson of the British Institute has his income and staff cut down very severely. He is an admirable fellow and means to show the world that he can do excellent work, despite the curtailment.

I shall like to hear good news of you and of Frau Erman from time to time.

With our sincerest regards to both - from us both -
Yours very faithfully
W. de Pau Davis.