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Dear Herr Professor,

It was much nicer in Berlin! Here it has been raining steadily and I have felt very lazy and not at all inclined for hard work. It was delightful to be in Berlin & meet so many who were interested in ones Fach. Griffith here is now buried with "pots & pots only and is not very approachable at the best of times. Sandars is not yet back to who else is there?

When we were discussing how we could install [illegible] in the little house in your garden, I quite forgot that I have the very thing at Beaulieu, an old wooden house which I repainted to amuse myself. When I get back to Thebes I will put a tail on it and send it to you. With a sheet of glass in front to keep the impious snails away she can watch over the garden in peace and share the guardianship of it with Hegt who lives in the pond.

If I can do anything to help you with the Wörterbuch I shall be delighted to do so. There must be an

enormous mass of material still unused at Thebes and I can see that what you have is not without many gaps and errors. It is a pity that you should split your head over imaginary readings even occasionally if it can be avoided, and if when you doubt a reading ~~at~~ in Theban tomts you send it to me, I will try and revise it if you give me time: I shall probably be pretty busy this winter even in my leisure time but I am always glad to be kept in touch with really serious points of inquiry.

It is so nice to go back to work again with a clearer memory of Berlin, the Mecca of Egyptologists, from which one comes away with ones zemzem full of pure and unadulterated beverage, of which one can take a sip when one's heart is sick of Herren Gayet and Budge and Colin Campbell & a host more. In the pseudo-Oriental Egypt we shall remember the land where the dêf is always welcome and the kêf so jolly (that is the real translation of gemütlich). With warm regards to Frau Erman and the whole circle

Yours very sincerely

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