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Luxon
Jan 20/1920.

Dear Professor Erman

It is delightful to think that our peoples are no longer technical enemies, that there can be dealings henceforth between Germany & English directly and that, if our peoples are wise, the history of the near future will be an ever closer co-operation and understanding, and the healing of the old wounds. We are a long way from this yet but at least the way is open. And the real enemy of civilisation in all its aspects is threatening us all so audaciously that the wise in all countries if they are savants in anything beside the name will have need to unite in defence of the very elements of liberty and Culture.

The parcel of your brochures arrived a week or so ago and gave me much pleasure, as much because it came out of Germany as because it was full, as one might expect, of German thoroughness and learning. Most of the articles I had seen before; but your essay on the legends to the O.K. scenes was new, and the most thing in the field of

and I must need help in - I have
 been struggling with these categories in the book
 (especially, which are almost illegible but to the
 the right. I am interested in the other book.
 I wish I had something to send you. As you
 know, the Library has appeared in New York.
 I believe Mrs. Lyko who has financed the publication
 is considered a very large set of presentation
 copies, although cancelled the names of all who
 contributed by that time fell under the name and
 position of names. I fear that embargo will not
 easily be removed, though I will do my best to
 bring it about. Will you tell me if there is a copy
 with you or at the Museum. If not, I think I
 could send you a copy of my own in place
 of that which you would otherwise have received
 of which I have not any to best trade. I
 had looked that 0375. (in the volume) and also
 have been in my eye but the case changed by
 the other printers.
 The book together with the book of papers which was
 printed by Rowing East under the name
 important additions to the book since the
 copies. It is in a very important that you should

our science that I must needed help in. I have
been struggling with these colloquies in the Tomb of
Antefkes, which add almost illegible texts to the
other difficulties. I hope you will go on and add
the M. L. material to the older texts.

I wish I had something to send you. As you
know, the Tomb of Natcht has appeared in New York.
I believe Mrs. Tylis who has financed the publication
& sanctioned a very large list of presentation
copies, afterward cancelled the names of all who
unhappily by that time fell under the name and
position of "enemies". I fear that embargo will not
easily be removed, though I will do my best to
bring it about. Will you tell me if there is a copy
with you or at the Museum. If not, I think I
could send you a copy of my own in place
of that which you would otherwise have received
& which I hope will not long be held back. I
had hoped that MS. 4.5.0 (in two volumes) would also
have been out long ago but we are delayed by
the colour-printers.

This tomb together with the Tomb of Pabasa which was
cleared by Leuzinger last winter are the two most
important additions to the ancient texts since Sethe's
copies. If it is of any importance that you should

have copies for dictionary purposes I would try
to supply you with photostats of the plates of
Papyrus & hand copies of Papyrus if New York
permits. The chief texts in the former are versions
of religious texts from the Book of the Dead
the Horus text, texts relating to the presentation of
the symbols of Hathor & broken stela-texts. Papyrus
has a large amount of text and very little picture
but I have only just seen the tomb. I have not
examined the contents of the texts at all. If I can
help you in any way with the dictionary I shall
always be pleased. I do not know if I am pleased to
see the prospectus of the Dictionary or not. I am so
anxious to think that it will be the possession of the
next generation I will scarcely be in time to see of
much use to me. What a splendid achievement it
will be!

Schaefer, it seems from his silence, is intransigent.
It is neither wise nor reasonable nor conducive to
happiness & is a great pity. But it is natural &
if ~~it~~ ^{one} can't be reasonable the next best thing is to
be natural and act as ~~if~~ ^{one} honestly feels. I am
not very reasonable myself and am totally incapable
of pretending for more than about half an hour.
I hope his children are recovering from the effects
of the long strain. It must still be very difficult

for you, for it is not very long for so. But I hope to
achieve something on account of industry & self-
control and common effort and so necessarily more
reality than other nations the joy of life and so
present place in the world's common life and among
the Powers (in the real sense). The author is not very
even in England; but we hope that soon we will be
uneconomical, so hypochondriacal, so hysterical, however
on any other ~~is~~ subject to be. If we can get
through the next two years without catastrophe

we may really look again.
I am very busy at the bank and last of printing
for a few books for an annual rate publication
as possible. At the end we is always better
with knowledge of payments (if we have been printing
enough to consider, though clear the bank) which
demand more time than most the complete bank.
Breasted is not here this year. Otherwise we are
very glad to hear the German House of Representatives
to be in England again early in May. "Thinking this
so false."

Yours faithfully
Richardson

Richardson

for you, for it is not very easy for us. But I hope to see Germany setting an example of industry & self-control and common effort and so recovering more rapidly than other nations the joy of life and a foremost place in the world's Council table and among the Powers (in the best sense). The outlook is not rosy even in England; but one hopes that men are not so unreasonable, so tyrannical, so hopelessly perverse as they often ~~do~~ pretend to be. If we can get through the next two years without catastrophes we may really hope again.

I am very busy at the moment and last of finishing four or five tracts for as immediate publication as is possible. At the end one is always bothered with hundreds of payments (if one has been foolish enough to conscientiously clear the tracts) which demand more time than would ten complete tracts.

Breasted is out here this year. Otherwise we are very quiet & I miss the German theatre. I expect to be in Oxford again early in May. "Hinksey Hill" as before.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully

Richard Dawkins