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My dear Erman,

I do not know if I have ever written to thank you for your characteristically clever article on Amenope and the Book of Proverbs, which has immensely pleased us all. If you care, for yourself or others, to have copies of the somewhat shallow things I have written for the J.E.A., I shall be very pleased to send them to you.

I am getting a set of the Meyer-Burchardt photographs, but I find that one cannot obtain the list of descriptions published in the Sitzungsberichte without buying the whole year. Is there then no other form in which this is published; it ought to go with the set. I should to know this; I want a copy both for myself and for the Met. Museum.

Your Literatur der Aegypter has been a godsend to me lately. I wanted to preface my annual report for the New York Bulletin by a venomous reference to the action of the Egyptian Government, but did not want to be too offensive. The enclosed will perhaps amuse your "schlechte Seele" and will, I hope, get over Lythgoe's objection to political references. Yesterday, by chance, I turned up the enclosed postcard. It is very belated, but I do not know that there is anything in it to be altered - which is more than can be said of most pre-war effusions. It really looks as if the present conference would result in lasting peace and settlement, and as if real prosperity may at last begin for ~~Germany~~ Germany, even if hard times must last for a long time yet. May it be so!

In these circumstances you may be more free to be amused with an example of English psychology to set beside the dictum "There are two languages - English and un-English". I came across an old story of a ship's-captain who was blamed by his employers for running his ship aground on the Dutch coast. He defended himself by claiming that a contrary wind had suddenly sprung up from a totally unexpected quarter, and angrily exclaimed "To think that the Almighty should send a favouring wind to these --- Dutchmen, and fling his own countrymen on the rocks!".

I hope that you and all your family are faring well, despite the times, and that you are able to enjoy your comparative freedom from duties, and especially, that the young people are doing well and have good prospects. My wife ^{and} are well, and I am very busy; though old age is showing itself in a great disinclination to do any work I do not like. I am almost at an end of these horrible megalithic constructions, the Tytus volumes, I am glad to say; I hope after this to beget something human, instead of monsters. With warm regards to Frau Erman and the family, and also to HIM.

Yours very faithfully,

W. de Gans Daries

