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American College for Girls
Constantinople Turkey

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Dear Professor Erman,

In the year
95-96 - I had the great privilege
of listening to your lectures - as I
was then attending lectures in
Berlin University. Of course
I know that my having had
that pleasure does not give me
any claim on your time and
patience - but I thus became
acquainted with your unfail-
-ing courtesy and kindness
and therefore venture to ask a
great favour of you - I am
a teacher of literature - (ancient
and modern) in the American
College in Constantinople. As
a means of interesting my students
more in the old literatures - I

thought I would like to have
several mottoes in ancient
languages appropriate to the
study of literature - on the
walls of my lecture room -

and I know of no way to get
just what I want except to
write to great authorities in
the different literatures - We
use your "Ancient Egypt"
constantly in school (the
English translation - as all our
girls know English - tho' they
are of twelve or fourteen different
nationalities. And we all
delight in the book.

But I
woud a sentence in hieroglyphics
that relates to books, or learning
or anything that would be
appropriate to a literature
room. Could you just write
out such a sentence for use in

hieroglyphics - so that I could
have it copied, enlarged, &
framed & hang up? I know it
is asking a great deal - I beg
of you just to throw my letter
aside if it is trespassing on
your time too far - I am
especially ashamed because I
have no German stamp - and so
cannot send even a stamp for
the answer - I will send
Sincerely one even tho' I know it's
of no use - I tried very
hard when I was in Egypt
some years ago to purchase an
inscription & hieroglyphics - to
find a bit of the Book of the Dead
that I could buy - but I did not
succeed - I wanted that to hang
on my walls for my scholars &
not having that, my strong desire
for something of the kind has
made me write to you - If there

were anything that you desired from
Turkey I would be so glad. - Any
photographs or antiques or anything
I might get for you - and so, at least
partly justify my presumption
in what I ask of you - I would
feel very grateful to you for telling
me.

Trusting in your kindness
I remain
Yours sincerely

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