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21. August 09

Dear Professor Eрман

Nearly the entire summer has passed and I have not written you a single line. I think this was due less to negligence on my part than to there having been very little to write about. The predominant fact about the last few months has been the continual rain. We have had but few arrangements for outdoor expeditions or parties that have not

been spoilt by rain. At the beginning of this month we had a splendid hot fortnight, but the last few days again have been rainy.

My wife and the children were down at the sea for a month, while I was dividing my time between visits and work; the children bathed and played on the sands from morning to night, and have come back looking brown and chubby!

As for my work! — The commentary on *Sinuhe* has taken up much of my

time; it is to appear in several consecutive numbers of the *Recueil*, and afterwards a limited edition will be published separately. The rest of my time has been occupied with ostræca. Petrie's collection has proved very large, but consists mainly of rather worthless fragments. Still there are one or two good business texts, a small fragment with a few lines from *Sinuhe*, duplicates of parts of the *Satire des Métiers*, Millinger, *Anast. IX*, and the beginning of *Anastasi I*. The jewel of the collection is the text of which I enclose a copy for the dictionary — it will serve as an apology for my long silence! Some of the maxims are difficult, but the text seems

good, and it is certainly a most interesting  
text, in beautiful N. K. writing (19th?)  
Above all I like: "take no thought  
for the morrow ere it be come"  
- which has associations!

On September 2 I leave for  
Egypt, full of plans and intentions.  
I wonder how many of them will  
be realized!

Kind regards to Fran Profena  
and greetings to all

Very sincerely yours

Alan Hardiner