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Dear Professor Ergan

About three weeks ago the first instalment of Ranke-Ergan reached me, and I was delighted to welcome this old friend in its new garb. Up to the present I have not had time to study it closely, but on a first impression I feel that Ranke has done his work very discreetly, and while making the book as possible as for

readers in 1922 has not destroyed
the qualities of the original
which made us all regard it
as a masterpiece of "salpisation"
as well as of scientific perspective.
I am deeply grateful to both
the co-authors for sending me a
copy of the book.

We watch the downfall of the
mark with dismay and
apprehension. To think of the
difficulties of our friends is
most harassing; one does not
know how to help, but we
are trying to do our little help
by voting for a reasonable new

member of parliament who desires
revision of the treaty and settlement
of the reparations. Gropius sent
me a letter telling me of the
difficulties of the Reichsbank, and I
am now sending you £5 in
notes of 10/- to be used for
Verzettelung. It would be wise, I
think, only to change 10/- at a
time, so as to safeguard against
further depreciation.

I have been rather worried
because Anne-Marie has never
written to me about the further
sum of £3 which I sent to
her to settle for Keith Lester's
stay in Germany. If I remember
rightly she has had 16,000 German
marks and four English pounds in

all. I do hope that was proper compensation. In July Frau Profenn quoted 6000 Mks. a month, but everything is of course changed since then.

There are so many distractions that I find it hard to work. Nevertheless the grammar proceeds slowly, and I have also written a complete translation of the Peasant for our Journal. A good number of new prints have come out, especially towards the end. On Dec. 27 I start for Egypt.

We are all well, and hope that in spite of all difficulties you are all likewise. I look forward immensely to your new book.

Kindest greetings to you and to
Frau Profenn
Yours sincerely
Alen Hardner