



Staats- und
Universitätsbibliothek
Bremen



Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Bremen

**DFG-Projekt "Digitalisierung und Erschließung des Nachlasses des
Ägyptologen Adolf Erman (1854-1937)"**

Brief von Alan Henderson Gardiner an Adolf Erman

Gardiner, Alan Henderson

Rom, 03.04.1935

Nachweis dieses Dokuments im [Kalliope-Verbund](#)

[urn:nbn:de:gbv:46:1-81308](https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:gbv:46:1-81308)



GRAND HOTEL DE RUSSIE

ROME

ROMA - GRAND HOTEL DE RUSSIE
GENOVA - GRAND HOTEL MIRAMARE
BOLOGNA - GRAND HOTEL MAJESTIC (GIÀ BAGLIONI)
NAPOLI - GRAND HOTEL
BRINDISI - HOTEL INTERNAZIONALE

3. iv. 35

Dear Professor Eiman

Your letter announcing my election to the Berlin Academy reached me last night, and I hasten to tell you how pleased and honoured I feel, all the more so since the distinction was instigated by the recognized Altmeister of our Science. Honours carry with them obligations, and it is my firm intention to try and maintain in England and wherever my influence reaches the lofty standard of scholarship which you and your friends and school have always maintained. But I have

a fear lest the fate of Icarus may befall me! Nor are the times particularly propitious. The world has become too restless, and distractions are too many. But I console myself with the reflexion that the greater the difficulty, the greater the merit. I will try to prove myself worthy of the Berlin Academy and of my old teacher and friend.

We have been taking a very long holiday. The labours arising from the deaths of Peet and Griffith had left me very much overwaked, and I was conscious of loss of memory and of grip. I hope however that these two months in Sicily and Italy have completely restored me. At all events the zest for work is

returning, the more so since I have purchased through friends many fine ostraca in Egypt, and perhaps — I am not yet sure — some papyri.

I hope that by now my book on the Chester Beatty papyri has reached you. You will not be able to see it, but perhaps Fran Profenor will read you some sections out of it. Mixed up with the magical nonsense — of that there is more than enough — are some very curious and interesting texts, quite apart from the Dreams and the Blinding of Truth.

You will be interested to hear that your granddaughter Brigitte wrote me a very charming letter from school a few weeks ago, asking me for advice about English literature. It gave me great pleasure to reply to her.

I trust that Frau Professa and yourself remain in good health and that the difficulties of the present times do not weigh too heavily upon you.

Very sincerely yours

Alan H Gardner
