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My dear Roman

This year is devoted to
the Old Kingdom. I have been
clearing a cemetery of the Vth Dyn
at Deshasheh (30 km. S. of Fayum)
where I have copied two large tombs
(one with battle scene & siege, ^{Vth Dyn.})
found six ka statues, some very
fine, & opened 150 tombs. The
bodies are nearly half of them
elaborately cut to pieces, the flesh
removed, bones wrapped in cloth
separately & re-composed like
a mummy. These are in burials
of purely Egyptian type, full
length in sarcophagi & rock tombs.

Quibell has done the 10-XII cemetery
of EC Kab, + got much valuable
information.

Greenfell has cleared Belenesa
of Greek papyri, + left at Ghiseh
150 perfect rolls, while he brought
away a much larger quantity
of fragments + broken rolls.

So I hope that you will be in England
in July to see our things.

I am at present getting from the
English Treasury the statistics
of "Conscience money". Have you
that institution in Germany?
Namely a voluntary (+ generally
anonymous) restitution to the

State of money which is paid
from remorse at having defrauded
the State. Here there are hundreds
of such payments every year, from
shillings to hundreds of pounds each.

I am curious to know if there is
the same custom in other countries,
for a study in comparative ethics.
If there is not such a custom do you
regard its absence as due to
greater honesty, or less remorse,
or to treating the state as an enemy?

If there are published statistics
of this I should be anxious to
get them.

Yours very sincerely,

Wm. Flinders Petrie.

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