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Dear Herr Professor

How many months can it
be since last I wrote to
you or heard from you! But
now Xmas tide is at hand,
and you must not go short
of a letter to wish you
all a very happy and
prosperous Fest and New
Year. I am pleased to
say that as soon as
Xmas is over I shall be
able to despatch to you
my grammar, which has

grown into a quarto book of
595 pages! What will
the next grammar be like
at this rate of growth!
I am distressed at the
thought that the type will
be too small for you to
cope with, but that is
perhaps as well, for I
am sure that the Wörterbuch
absorbs all your energy,
and that such a distraction
as my book might prove
would probably take more
of your time than we can
afford to let it take. However,

I want you to possess one of the two first copies that will reach Germany — Sethe will have the other — for the bulk cannot be distributed until the end of January. Don't hurt your eyes with trying to read the book, but I beg you to give it your blessing! After all, it is the direct descendant of your thought and discoveries.

Immediately after the New Year we are starting for Egypt. I am happy to hear that Breasted and his wife will be on the same steamer. At Thebes we shall see Caroline Ransom-Wellians, a fine gathering of Anglo-Saxon

members of the Berliner Schule!
I don't intend to do any
serious work until the
middle of February, but then
I shall start again energetically
with the Coffin Texts. What
time I have been able
to spare from proof-reading
during the last two months
has been given up to the
Coffin Texts, which are a
simple mine of interesting
things. I consider myself
extremely fortunate to have
De Buck as my partner
in the work. He is not
merely a good grammarian
and copyist, but I have
been delighted to find that he