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Dear Professor Eiman

With the arrival of your interesting memoir of Excellency Schöne came the third reason for ~~the~~ present letter, and laggardly as I am in correspondence I feel I must delay no longer. In the first place let me congratulate you most warmly on the completion of your new autobiography which will be a most interesting record, not only to those of us who have the honour of being counted among your friends, but

also to all who are interested  
in the history of our science.  
Heddie is equally drawn to the  
reading of the book, and she  
is reading it aloud to me in  
the few evenings when we are  
alone. Thus far we have only  
reached your parents, but the  
account you give of your  
grandparents and other ancestors  
is very interesting. A fine  
stock of intellectual men and  
researchers!

Next I have to thank you  
most cordially for securing me  
the honour of a place on the  
Commission for the Wörterbuch.

As you know, I devoted a great deal of my 'ish' enthusiasm and ardour to this most important of all Egyptological undertakings. The help which I then gave had already been fully acknowledged not only in your interim reports but also in the preface to the published work. But it is a very welcome honour to me now to have been considered worthy of a position in connection with the book similar to that of its initiators — or at least as their colleague. As I said in my letter to Grapow, which I trust he has shown to all of you who elected me, I should like, if it were desired of me, to regard the position not only as a

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simple honor, but I should like to make myself useful, so far as my time allows. I have indeed much new material to contribute, and perhaps an idea or two, before the collection of examples begins to be autographed. I sincerely hope you will call upon me to help if you see any way in which I could be useful.

We had a delightful holiday in Yorkshire, and now I am reveling in the delights of a new and very convenient and bright <sup>work</sup>room at the top of the house. At present I am specially busy with the Beatty papers.

All good greetings to die Gramsch Familie from Heddie and myself  
Very sincerely yours  
Alan Harding