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The Albusir finds are not interesting, and you have still more to do there. When will the next Zeitschrift ~~to~~ come out? I much want to see Speidelberg's article on demotic. I have heaps of new words and values.

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London W.C.

4 June 1899.

F. U. Griffiths.

Dear Professor Eрман,

So you are really back in Berlin. You must have had a most interesting visit to Egypt, but alas for the country in its progress. I want to see Sirt as it was in 1799!. I am so very glad you brought away a good remembrance of Davies. He is in England and soon will come to London. ~~After~~ Your visit must have transformed him into a full-blown Egyptologist! His work at Ptahhotep at any rate must have given him a thorough knowledge of some branches of the subject and I hope to find that his patience was not entirely worn out as would have been the case with most people, and much work spoiled in consequence. Your visit must have been a very great encouragement and help

to him. My wife knew Davies in former days  
and has a very high opinion of him; and I  
hope he will do well.

Owen's College has arranged another  
series of classes or lectures for next winter,  
but I am not sure that we have yet found  
in Manchester any students ready to devote  
themselves to Egyptology as a vocation. Such  
will always be rare in Manchester. But we  
have a piece of good fortune to record this  
year for England. A good man has bequeathed  
Worcester College, Oxford £150 per annum for  
a studentship in Egyptology! An appointment  
will probably be made in the autumn.

I hope Miss Porter's copies will be useful to  
you. I dare say they are not free from faults,  
but you have squeezes of many to test them.

Now comes the most serious matter: your splendid offer of the new Kahun Papyri form to publish. Grenfell has brought me many fragments, but I believe they are as nothing compared with those Borchardt has secured for you and about which he has written to me. How can I refuse such an offer? and yet I must be cautious.

I have already undertaken work which will occupy me till Christmas <sup>1900</sup> ~~1899~~, I expect, the chief item being the catalogue of Lord Crawford's demotic papyri (some extremely fine <sup>XXVI<sup>th</sup></sup> dyn.). By that time you will probably have found someone in Germany eager for the work, and I do not see much chance of my beginning before that date.

Of course if you could let me have  
the papyri in England to work through  
slowly, and, say, till 1904 to publish  
them, there could be no question of not  
undertaking it. Would the Academy  
perhaps undertake the cost of the  
publication? This of course would be  
a very expensive matter and I do not  
quite see how it is to be done, but  
possibly the Clarendon Press, which  
is going to publish the new Khaenwee story.  
(demotic), would help.

It is extremely kind of you to think of me  
in this matter. Berchardt also has been very  
good in keeping me informed of the Kahum finds.  
Would it <sup>not</sup> be a good thing ~~for me~~ <sup>if I</sup> to send you a  
copy of Kahum Papyri to present to the Academy?