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RIVERSVALE,

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

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My dear Professor Eрман,

The cast of the Plahhelap poultry  
yard(!) reached us safely yesterday, the  
packing being superb, and we have carried  
it all over the house to try and find a  
right and proper place for so fine a  
work of art. We think we have found it  
at last. When will you come and see it?

From Schäfer's letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
it seems that I am not to pay anything  
for this. Is that truly the case? I am

extremely obliged to you and to the  
Verwaltung generally. Ought not I to  
address a formal letter of thanks?

The photograph had made me  
think that the birds in the lower left  
hand corner might be ostriches (young).  
but the cast shows that they cannot be so.

Berlin as well as the Arch<sup>d</sup> Survey  
will I hope feel satisfied with our  
next memoir. W. Davis' plates of  
Ptahhetep are coming out splendidly,  
and, without the squeezes, it would have

been impossible to have got so much done  
in the time.

I have lately been giving a good deal  
more attention to ~~the~~ Egyptian Grammar, and  
find that I had never really mastered  
your splendid little Porta Linguarum work.  
esp. the verb.

I have had serious thoughts of bringing out  
an English Grammar, <sup>of my own</sup> (Budge issuing a new  
one almost every year!) but I have heard  
<sup>from Williams & Morgant</sup> a rumour that you will publish a grammar  
before long. Is this to be a new edition of Porta Ling.?  
or on a larger scale? If it is to be a  
grammar for learners, I should much like  
to translate it; if necessary, adapting it especially  
to the English requirements.  
Sethe's Verbum is a magnificent  
work, from which I am learning a great deal,

but it must be done slowly. I have 4 <sup>memoirs</sup> ~~books~~  
on hand at the present time, besides small  
matters! all are pressing.

Davis leaves for Egypt tomorrow. If he  
does not get the Catalogue-post, we shall  
go on with the Old Kingdom tombs in  
Middle Egypt.

My wife and I both specially wish  
to be remembered to Frau Orman; and  
hope that the baby is flourishing.

Yours very truly

F. U. Griffith