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Old Headington
n^o: Oxford.

29th Oct. 1901.

Dear Friend,

Your letter reached me on the day
I left Riversdale for Oxford. Since then
I have had much business to transact
and my wife who has long been ailing
has developed a very painful stage of
illness which we hope may soon pass
away but in the meantime is anxious
and disabling for her and for me.
I fear there is no chance of her going
to the Congress, and I, a very bad
Congress-man to begin with, must not
expect to leave her. If Thompson will

go (he says he abominates congresses!) he
can well represent our schemes in denunciations
and in indexing. And Dawce's I think
will certainly go to report on the Survey
and hieroglyphic epigraphy.

We are all glad that you are well
enough to work for a Congress and prepare
your lectures as usual. The idea of a
really scientific congress is attractive.
I had thought the popular congresses
provided funds for ^{certain amount of} a scientific work,
but I suppose their power in that direction
was small: in England however they
probably stimulate ~~a certain amount~~
of subscribing to scientific societies and

Journals.

The scheme of indexing shows me what you aimed at, and seems to me excellent. The geographical basis is what I should have chosen myself, and the subject-indices will supplement the main index for all purposes of consultation.

Here I have one serious pupil at present, to learn the language & work through Hdt II and Diod i. We are getting together a reference library and shall soon settle where it is to be domiciled. So I hope the University will soon count Egyptology amongst its established institutions.

My wife joins me in very kind regards to Frau Eiman, to whom she hopes to write

when she has got over the worst of her illness.

Yours very truly

Wm Luffell.