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My dear Eoman

I returned to England about two weeks ago & received with great pleasure your most valuable work on the Egyptian Religion upon which I congratulate you warmly - Your kind letter of many months past gave me much encouragement & helps me to carry on with more zeal & industry the more important Sa'id's enterprise -

After leaving Berlin Steindorff gave me some new texts at Leipzig & both Heidelberg & Strasbourg supplied a little new material & at the latter place I was glad to make acquaintances with von Dobschütz & Spiegelberg - Then, still in hope of returning to Vienna I went to Munich

& found that the papyrus copies were
worth looking at - only some of the original
papyrus remains, the larger part was
perhaps destroyed in the unprudent English
bombardment of Alexandria.

The new ambassador at Vienna could do nothing
for me & when his final letter destroyed
my hopes I turned northward to Leiden
& worked through the fragments under
the kind supervision of the amiable Boeser.
After that I returned to Paris where I stayed
till my brother came to carry me off to
Spain - There we saw the eclipse at a
small town between Tarragona & Valencia
Only one other foreigner came to the same

places - The alcalde of Benicarlo' introduced
us to an advocate who provided my
brother & me with a house in his garden
upon the flat roof of which we put up
a small telescope & saw the undoubted
phenomenon to our great satisfaction
though, of course, with very limited
apparatus we could not expect to
contribute much to the science of the Sun.

We saw the red prominences even with
a small field glass & the silvery rays of the
corona can never be forgotten -

We were glad to leave hot Spain &
crossed the Pyrenees to Gavarnie by the
Brèche de Roland which is a grand natural feature.

On returning to Paris I had still some
work to do & remained there till the 26th
of last month.

Now I am writing from Manchester where I
have to go over Amelineau's work & some
fragments which he did not publish. When
that is done my material will be as complete
as I can make it & I hope that it will not
take much time to get it ready for the
press. If you have any suggestions to make
they will be received with much gratitude,
needless to say, with all respect -

Give my best greetings to Mr. Lane
& his children & believe me
Yours very sincerely

George Horner