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Heluan

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Dear Professor Erman

You will be surprised to get a letter from A.A. instead of J.E. Quibell, but I have asked my husband to let me send our good wishes for the New Year to you and your wife this time, instead of him, as I want to ask you a small favour.

I have undertaken to write a book about Egypt for a London publisher; of a popular nature, but one meant to be readable in England and America -not merely for tourists.

I am writing a little about village life, of which I know something, of Arab art, of which I know uncommonly little, and of Ancient art, of which I ought to know a certain amount. And I am very anxious to have good illustrations, somewhat out of the common. Would it be possible for me to get a good print of the Nefertiti head for publication? We do not know at all what the practise of the Berlin Museum is, but my husband and I agree that it is best to write and ask you about it.

I am sure that you will manage this for me if it can be done without giving too much trouble to anyone -and that, if there is any difficulty about it, you will frankly tell me so.

I shall be very grateful.

Our chief news this time is that my husband is retiring on pension in April. He had other two years to serve, but his health is not very good and he will be better to have a rest and then perhaps take up some work again in the desert or somewhere where

there are good open air conditions. Recent events here have made it possible for officials to leave before the end of their regular service. We shall be sorry in many ways, for it has been a happy life here, but we think it is time to go. You will have heard about the new finds at Sakkara, which are a wonderful sight. I wish you could see the fluted columns and the statue of Zoser sitting in his little box outside the Pyramid; it was most exciting!

Please accept our very best wishes for a good New Year and much prosperity for you and yours.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours

Annie A. Quibell
