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602 Tennyson Place
Toledo, Ohio
July 19, 1934

Dear Professor Erman-

This letter first of all will tell you of a change of address. We have removed from the Chesbrough Dwellings where we lived for nearly eighteen years, the longest I ever resided in any one house.

At present we are temporarily placed in the second-floor furnished apartment of friends who have gone to California for a year. The great attraction of the place is a large screened living porch where I live all day and sleep at night. We have not had a half dozen meals served in the dining-room since we came here the first of May, but our maid sets up two small tables with folding legs and serves us out-of-doors, and then the tables are put away until the next meal.

After a year and a half in which I have been completely diverted from Egyptian studies by business cares and details in attending to my aunt's and mother's estates, as well as to their personal belongings, I am now trying to take up again the new piece of work I had started for the Metropolitan Museum, and I am finding that I have to begin all over again. My mind seems to have emptied itself of what little it once knew of Egyptology. I should not even try to work further were it not that I am in debt to the Museum for honoraria for which I have not as yet produced the results, and I must either get the book done or make restitution.

I much appreciated your kind and tolerant letter referring to conditions in your country and ours. Viewed by an outsider, the conditions under which you live appear tremendously trying. The idea of your being a non-Aryan incenses me so that I cannot trust myself to talk about it. I hope this official pronouncement does not affect you in practical ways. The only thing I find helpful in this troubled time is the thought one does not have to live more than one day at a time. Somehow one manages to get through the current day. Prosperity seems as elusive as ever, and the difficulties in Europe and the labor troubles in this country, now acute on the Pacific coast, do not help anyone with us or with you. The general strike is certainly a tragedy for the working men themselves, for it has alienated the public and will put the attainment of better conditions for them back many years. The forces of government are still strong enough with us to put down such unwarranted usurpation of authority, and the laboring men will not gain by it. Strikes within a given industry are permissible, but a general strike paralyzing the activities of a whole city and entered into by men who have no personal grievances arouses the indignation of the whole nation.

I am sure you must have been told of Frances Breasted's long illness and perhaps Mr. Breasted already will have sent you word of her death at noon on Sunday, July 15th. I am saddened by it, as I am sure you and Frau Erman will be, after the long years of association. Frances and I were born in the same year and had known each other since 1898, and really had seen much of each other through the years. Now that she is at peace, I think how worn Professor Breasted must be, for he has been under a great strain for many months.

Probably you will have heard of the death of Professor Paul Shorey and of Mr. Battiscombe Gunn's appointment to Oxford, but perhaps not that Mr. Winlock, despite his cares as Director of the M. M. A., has recently brought out a new book on the treasure of el Lāhūn, and you probably will not know that the new head of the American Academy at Rome, including the School of Classical Studies, is a woman, a Dr. Lillie Ross Taylor, now head of the Latin Department of Bryn Mawr College and a former pupil of mine. I am proud of my modest connection with her and with Dr. Mary Swindler,

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Editor of the American Journal of Archaeology, both of whom started graduate work in archaeology with me back in 1905.

I hope your dear Secretary, Mrs. Erman, is comfortably well and that you are not suffering special privations these days. I think of you both with solicitude. I must not write more today. I send affectionate greetings to you both and hope it will not be long before I hear again from you.

Ever warmly yours,

Caroline R. Williams

MRS. J. H. BREASTED DEAD AT AGE OF 61

Wife of the Noted Orientalist
Succumbs in Chicago Home
to Heart Ailment.

TAKEN ILL A YEAR AGO

Accompanied Husband on Al-
most All of His Archaeological
Expeditions to Egypt.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Mrs. Frances H. Breasted, wife of Dr. James H. Breasted, noted Orientalist, died at noon today in her home at 5,648 Dorchester Avenue. Death was due to bacterial endocarditis, an uncommon heart ailment. She was 61 years old.

Mrs. Breasted became ill a year ago upon her return from a tour of University of Chicago archaeological expeditions in the Near East with her husband. Her condition became steadily worse. Two weeks ago physicians gave up all hope for her recovery.

At her bedside were her husband and her children. The latter are Charles Breasted, executive secretary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago; James Henry Breasted Jr., who is preparing to enter Oxford University in England, and Astrid, a junior at Vassar College.

Mrs. Breasted was born on Dec. 22, 1872, in San Francisco. Her mother was a member of the Pitney family of New Jersey. Mrs. Breasted was a cousin of the late Justice Mahlon Pitney of the United States Supreme Court. Her father's family were among the first settlers of Colonial Virginia, her grandfather having been Mayor of Lynchburg, Va.

She met her husband in 1892 in Berlin, where she was studying music and languages and he was completing studies in Egyptology. They were married in the English chapel of Empress Frederick in Berlin on Oct. 22, 1894.

The young Orientalist and his bride spent their honeymoon in Egypt. She began housekeeping in a "dahabryeh," a native houseboat on the Nile. From the time of their marriage Mrs. Breasted accompanied her husband on all his archaeological expeditions, except for a particularly hazardous expedition into Egypt and Western Asia after the war.

She was a member of the party all of whom almost lost their lives in the Kagbar rapids in Northern Sudan in 1906. Dr. Breasted in that year headed the first archaeological expedition to "shoot" the four lower cataracts of the Nile. Her last trip, a year ago, was in the Near East, including a tour of the findings at Persepolis in Persia.

Funeral services will be held in Bond Chapel at the University of Chicago on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The services will be followed by cremation.

are expected to cover ordinary expenses only and expenditures for emergency purposes will presumably have to be met by borrowing."

CODE VIOLATION LAID TO SHOE COMPANIES

Trade Board Cites the Ramsey Chain for Allowing Ex- cessive Discounts.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Continuing its investigations into alleged violations of the NRA codes, the Federal Trade Commission said today that it had issued a complaint against Ramsey's, "They Cannot Rip," Inc., Trooper Shoe Company, Inc., The Bronx Shoe Company, Inc., Edward J. Ramsey, individually and as secretary-treasurer, and Edward P. Ramsey and Louise Ramsey, individually and as president and director, respectively, of the corporations named.

The allegation is that the respondents violated Article VIII, Section 3, of the boot and shoe code, prohibiting discounts to department stores, retailers, wholesalers and others in the trade in excess of 5 per cent, such discount to be allowed for payment of bills within thirty days from delivery date specified on the order or date of shipment if later.

The complaint alleged that, in spite of the provisions of the code, shoes have been sold at discounts of from 6 to 23 per cent of agreed sales prices and payments received by the respondents based upon the unlawful rates of discount alleged, this practice having been carried on "at all times since the adoption and approval of said code of fair competition."

This is one of a series of complaints which have been issued by the Trade Commission at the request of the NRA, and the outcome of the test cases is being awaited with deep interest.

