

"Clovertye",
Little Brown's Lane,
Edenbridge, Kent.

May 23, 1934.

Dear Dr. Steindorff,

A great deal of business since I arrived in England has prevented me from writing to you before, to thank you most heartily for the shehâda, which I found awaiting me on my arrival, and of which I have made use at both Oxford and Liverpool. It gave me the utmost pleasure to read; I am indeed proud that you should have the opinion of me that you express therein.

Hearty thanks also for the Koptische Grammatik, which was also awaiting me, and which is giving me an opportunity of "brushing up" my Coptic while I am in England and on the boat during my return to America next month. The Obraldruck is most successful, and the additions to the Literatur are very useful. I greatly appreciate your considerateness in sending me, not only a copy, but a bound copy; you no doubt know what a difference this makes to an Englishman!

Accompanying the Grammatik was a copy of the Borchardt bibliography; have I you to thank for this also?

Your ~~letter~~ personal letter to me was also most welcome;

I am very glad to have news of the progress of your Anibehe publication, and hope that the printing of the first part will soon begin. At present I have no idea whether my candidature for the vacant university posts will have any result; but in any case I shall be in Philadelphia until the autumn, and I shall make a special point of answering to the best of my ability all your questions regarding the New Kingdom material as soon as I receive them.

I think I told you that I had written to Woolley about your difficulty with the Anibehe pottery mentioned on the tomb-cards, but not given type-numbers there and not included in the Museum Catalogue (= not in the Museum). I have received his answer; he says: that he does not think he can help about it; "from memory I certainly could not recall anything, and though I imagine that the notes were exhaustive I don't know in what form they were. Probably many plain pots were left behind as not being worth transport to Philadelphia: there would be a record of them, but where? I don't know".

With the heartiest greetings, I am

Yours always sincerely,

Battiscombe Gunn