the Mass Hymn-book (with all the difficult transposition involved) in less than several weeks. So can you not manage to raise some more money, now, while I am free to get on with all this urgent work? It seems most unwise not to take this opportunity, as later on I may be too busy to do it. There is no need for Press-copies of any of the Coptic Church Music; but

only of my special compositions. Of these latter there are now two bound volumes: one containing 10 Piano Solos, & the other 4 Violin Solos with Piano accompaniment. There are also 7 volumes more of Hymns, & the new Mass-book: making at present (with the volumes you have in Cairo) 16 volumes in all. The rest of the Hymns will make another

volumes: thus making 17 volumes. (The Gregorian Mass, & the Notes on the Priest's part, I am not copying, as you quite wisely ask me not to do until further revision with Mr. Michael.) I think it will be best for me to have these 10 new volumes at hand, until later on; but if you will say which of the Piano Solos you would like to publish first, I will

then have single copies made (from the book of 10) so that you can have them. As I am not charging you anything at all for the hundreds of hours that I spent in composing of all these pieces, (or at least, the first 7 or 8,) but only for the actual time in putting it all down on paper, I propose to ask you to give a 25% Royalty on each copy after publication of each piece. Perhaps you will kindly let

we have a formal agreement as to this; as we might now to have all in proper order, — seeing that if anything happened to Jos or to me it might make great complications.

With very kind greetings,

Yours in Him,

Ernest Newland Smith

P.S. I shall be very glad if a cheque for the (over) enclosed account, & some of it is already "paid out" by me. E. N. S.

P.T.O.

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Account to Feb. 14th

Previous account	—	£ 3. 6. 0 =
Music-paper	—	2. 6 =
Press-copying	—	1. 0. 2 =
Bookbinding	—	1. 1. 3 = x
Week of Work	—	10. 0. 0 =
	£	15. 9. 11 =
Pd on account	£	2. 0. 0 =
Amount Due	£	**13. 9. 11 =**

The 10 new volumes { x for 5 volumes only: (4 more, not yet paid for:) & New Mass-book was entered in the previous account of £ 3. 6. 0 - as above.

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P.P.S.

I am most urgently needing copies of the Oxford Lecture pamphlet: "The Ancient Music of the Coptic Church".

Will you most kindly kindly post to me, by return, any copies that I left at Heliopolis, or any copies that they may have at the American Book-Shop.

E.H.