Studland Dene Hotel,
Bournemouth

Dec. 18th: 1939

My dear Mr. Moffat,

Thank you so very much for your kind letter, & also for sending me the £5: Money Order. I greatly appreciate this, & much wish I could get to you at Alexandria, — but, at the moment, I am held up here in Bournemouth owing to public work, & the fact that I have not yet completed the music that I am writing for a Play by Meldrum McBride.

What you tell me of your own doings interests me greatly. There are — as you know — several bound volumes

of compositions of mine, all built up on Coptic themes; but these I had, (I think) better keep safely here, until I come, when I shall hope to bring them with me.
I much hope that the present World-situation is the beginning of the End of our (so-called) Civilization, & that the Dawn of the Kingdom may be at hand. God bless & keep you!

Yours, in Him,

Ernest Newland Smith