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Nov 15.

My knee improves very rapidly: I had sprained it 3 days before starting by a side-slip in Oxford St. while bicycling to the EEF meeting so had just time to go to Wharton Hood twice and to a rubber three times to have it massaged and then strapped up: but today, Tuesday, I was able to stand about the Louvre from 10 till 3, and then run about Paris for the remainder of the afternoon. We spent the whole morning in the upstairs Egyptian rooms, going over everything in detail. I only remember looking over it very amateurishly many years ago, and it was good to do it with Flinders: I was chiefly taken up with styles of dynasties. In the aft $^{\underline{n}}$  we saw the downstairs things, and then those early Babylonian statues, and did the

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8.15 to the Gare de Lyon, and then corridor train, express, all day till 11 pm. to Marseille, a tiring journey. I was asleep nearly all the time, feet tucked up. Air quite balmy at Marseille, palm trees visible in the station place, and everything warm and flowery-smelling.

<u>Nov 17.</u>

Nov. 16.

After a good night's rest we went by train to the Chateau Barelly to see the very mixed collection of antiquities there.

H. was tired so we carried a chair about for her from room to room. We saw two rude stone Gaulish statues, sitting cross legged in kilts, headless, with very clumsy legs. Also Phoenician inscriptions Etruscan tombstones, Roman alters & milestones Great Roman amphorae, sweet little Greek funeral stelas bas reliefs, 4<sup>th</sup> centy F. said.

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There were many large Cypriote vases with spiral & stripes painted, very like 18<sup>th</sup> dynasty pottery. Also a quantity of early Greek pottery – black on red; &, later, red on black the date of the change in colour being 480 The finest vase in the Musée is Mykenean very beautiful in shape, & painted with black nantili on diab. – Many more notes we made on the collections, putting down all F. told us, but now we have no time to enter them here.

For I must tell you there has not been a single day on board in which one could sit and write comfortably, so the journal has had to be left till the last minute in Alexandria railway station.

It has been the most miserable passage
Flinders ever knew – the roughest and
most stormy of all his thirty-three crossings
so you may imagine how we tossed. Also
it has been bitterly cold, – no gleam of
sunshine except the last day –, and also
the Messageries line has so gone down,
that one is utterly neglected, and discomforted
in every way. Many people on board vowed
they would come by another line next time,
– the cabins and the whole ship so dirty and
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Now we are safely on land again, hamd-al-Allah! and just going up to Cairo straight: no time to write more.

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Thus, after a rest, we pottered about Cairo and did some business, and called at the American mission: the streets with their picturesque natives were so refreshing to us, one never gets tired of the flow of life, and the brilliancy of colour.

The Hotel du Nil seemed very homelike: we had the same room on the balcony overlooking the Shekh's Garden, B O next to us, and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Grenfell and Hunt in the same balcony, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Green, and McIver, and Davies also staying in the hotel, so we 8 had one table.

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B.O went over about 20 rooms of the museum very thoroughly and worked hard at seeing all the best things well: then when I had shown them to her, Flinders came round with us and told us a great deal, and he examined the diorite Khafra statues minutely, and went into various hieroglyphics and minute points in objects there, and we felt much edified. Then after sitting out on the grass with our bread and sesame and oranges we went back to object-seeing again, and examined all the things from the tombs of Thothmes III and Amenhotep II in un-opened rooms, and also from[?] the Mena tomb, and a few Hierakonpolis and Dendereh things, and looked into the sale-room and drove back to Cairo at dark.

All of the two remaining days in Cairo were taken up with going to dealers' houses and looking over their stocks of antikas: they chatted with us and gave us coffee, and B O saw a lot of the native life in this way. We drove out to Ghizeh village, and spent half a day over some brilliant things, and she took some photographs in the village. Old arabs, with sacks full of scarabs and other small objects, besieged us in the hotel each evening, and Flinders picked up some nice things. On the  $27^{th}$  we came up country by night ever since, until 2 days ago, I have been in bed with low fever caught in Cairo, and laryngitis and am only just recovered & got to work.

Dec 8.

Yesterday I got out into the Desert and on to the works at last, it being the first day after my illness, and saw New Race graves for the first time. We have had a glorious 2 days' work in them, which I will describe more or less fully, as they represent the work of many days to come.

Cemetery A bring given up, all Flinders' group of men, about 50 workers, are on Cemetery B, a fine predynastic cemetery: we find 3 or 4 fine tombs each day, besides the many more usual ones.

I started out with Flinders early and we examined several graves. They are mostly oblong or oval pits about 3 to 6 feet deep, many of them almost circular, and containing one skeleton or two, and occasionally three, head to south, and facing west, knees up to chin: at the north end 8 or 10 large ash-jars are often stacked, containing burnt wood ash; [ and various black-topped red pots lie about near the body, and smaller objects, – slate palettes, flint lances combs etc – rest on and about the body.

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Flinders jumps down into the grave, draws everything in position, each bone and all the objects, and then he sorts the bones into <separate> skeletons, and hands up the pots. I find their shapes in the Naqada plates, he enters them in his plan, and I write the number of the grave on each pot, and slate and flint. The bones are marked at the end of the day. Today I took over some graves, drew some plans, and sorted out the bones separately, and registered the pottery, — one of them a very deep grave of Ali's, most beautifully prepared for planning.

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Dec 9th Friday.

We have now had three whole days among the graves, and each after-noon I take a few graves and place and examine them for Flinders. B O spends nearly all her time marking the skeletons and the pottery that come in, and often comes round the work with us and numbers the things at each pit, as they are found.

The days are getting a little cooler now, it is down to 60° early in the morning in our dining-hut, and we can work on till 1 o'c out of doors now, and get out as early as we like again, to continue the excavating.

Mace goes off for the day to Semaineh with his lunch, for New Race there, and McIver with fewer men is doing Kelfatieh, chiefly XII<sup>th</sup> dynasty. F works with about 50 men between these places.

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The huts have just the same appearance as last year, except that Ali has added himself a hut at the back, close to our courtyard entrance, with a delightfully fantastic fence made of būs (durra stalks) plastered with mud, and <its> waving leafage at the top looks so quaint.

Then our men are close to us, quartered in within those old walls we discovered on last year's donkey-trip with a view to lodging in, some day, and they have heightened the walls but put no roofs! Ali's wife has turned up, the same as last year, and Ali Jedullah's old mother. Our 5, or 6 turkeys walk about the premises, and the new steed stands hobbled, on the desert, with a charm hung round his neck, and a basket of barley before him. We have made several efforts to get a native saddle, but it has not come yet. He will then be used daily to take one down to Semaineh and fetch another back from Kelfatieh, and in the interval I shall get a canter on the gebel. The charm is a little red leather prayer-book, such

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We are not tucked away in the desert so completely as we were at Dendereh: we are on a rising ground just above the cultivation and quite on the edge of the desert, so we see an expanse of distant green plain, and abundant greenery of trees, and large palm groves, and sometimes passing buffaloes and camels, and the white peaky sails of the Nile boats.

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As four ourselves we come in about 12 or 1 and get some lunch and a rest, and after a short sleep get off to work again by 3 o'c, and go on with the graves till sunset. Then get back to take in the things from the men who stand with their baskets at the courtyard wall in a long row, F. assesses the value of the pottery and other objects, and we take them in – B.O. attending to all the skeletons and I to the pots. Then we get baths and dinner, and the evening is taken up in seeing to the things that have come in, or in writing, bead-threading, photograph-developing etc.

Yesterday while F. was clearing a few insignificant graves up on a rise above their usual positions in the wady, we found ourselves close to a small encampment of a dozen Bedawi tents, and paid visits to their inhabitants, uncouth untidy people but friendly. Ali with F's great measuring-rod escorted B O and me, and beat off all the

Togo who morted and marked at us: time barry. us chorus could be be and for miles. The tents? have only 3 swes and eve completely open 5 the east, being are made of rough brown camelo have, and only a pro pet in length. There are no yearer our wint Camel, goals, logs and sheep sland round about, extent and within . One camel we see everyday throughting of sown the frest through hobbled, at an almost continue pace. Fluiters plus topraguled several of the frances and his head of a New Race lad write its long have and every have pure without a comb and a spoon in the hair also, and boards on the porchead. Free had beads all nound her head, and annelets about the body, and a copper bangle on one wrist. There were also in the frave, several small stone vases, and a reality with temps of malachite, and larger pos. The horse botter with the yesterday when I was ruting across the gebel to the hut. a will contex, and I contil hot remember the arabic method of stopping a house, which is to hiss violently, so he went on quick ever pace: however a good old Arab on the work, Mohammed Hamed. started up before me opportunity, and stopped Its is a very slewer horse, about 15 haus or more, and feverally very quiet.

dogs who rushed and snarled at us: their barking in chorus could be heard for miles. The tents have only 3 sides and are completely open to the east, they are made of rough brown camel's hair, and only a few feet in length. There are no possessions inside apparently, only a grindstone and a few pots, and a mud oven. Camel, goats, dogs and sheep stand round about, without and within. One camel we see everyday floundering off down the desert, though hobbled, at an almost cantering pace.

The horse bolted with me yesterday when I was riding across the Gebel to the huts, he broke into a wold canter, and I could not remember the Arabic method of stopping a horse, which is to hiss violently, so he went on quickening pace: however a good old Arab on the work, Mohammed Hamed, started up before me opportunely, and stopped him. He is a very slender horse, about 15 hands or more, and generally very quiet.

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Dec. 23.

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of beans and sugar-cane and durra, and the pink cliffs were on both sides of us, so Egyptianly, and the whole scene – oh! I wish you in England could see such a blue sky, or such brilliant oriental life, and hear the saqqiehs and the songs of the fellahin and watch the reaping of the fields of Aalu.

The horse ambled along, I rode him most of the way. <We were carried through the canal which is still high>. Ali walked next to us and chatted all the way. Almost every large grey buffalo we passed shied at the horse: heaps of animals all along the cultivation were tethered within reach of the clover, and on their knees feeding. We passed close by Abadiyeh and entered Waqf, after 5 miles. And first Ali showed us round a rough mud built sugar-crushing place where, by means of saqqieh wheels worked by oxen, they \*xxx[?]/<were> pressing great sugar-canes. A couple of hundred people were assembled in Waqf market: there was nothing to buy but tobacco and sugar-cane,

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so we were ready soon to leave, but had to wait 11/4 hour while a leather-seller stitched two crimson leather anklets round the horse's legs because he kicks himself sometimes in trotting, and meanwhile the whole countryside fastened upon us, breathlessly, and squeezed, each one to get nearer. It was weary waiting amid flies and stuffiness, and heat, with people pressing to get closer view of us, and 2 village guards valiantly flogging everyone at intervals, and giving us a moment's peace and air there by. At last it got so intolerable, – even the upper air kept away from us by 40 on the wall behind us – that we climbed up the wall and sat there on show, a little protected from being smothered. Children kept touching our hands and feet, & often threw stones at me merely to attract attention. We got away at last, crossed the canal by a mud bank to Semanieh and I rode home thence with some nice canters along the desert edge.

The horse now is very gay in appearance: he has besides his red leather prayer book round his neck, a scarlet embroidered saddle, and crimson leather leggings.

He goes fast, and has once bolted, with plenty of spirit, but is very mild & tame withal.

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He goes twice a day to the mastaba mounds and back, as quiet as a lamb, and slowly led, to rest Flinders' sprained ankle. So Flinders has only to walk about the works and not to and fro. As he has sprained it 5 times in the last month, we are anxious to save it all possible risks. He manages to go up and down rope-ladders safely. We went down an interesting pit two days ago, up by the mastabas, with a well about 20 ft deep, and a chamber leading from it south, in which lay the body of a woman, whose wooden coffin had been demolished by white ants: an Old Kingdom saucer lay by her face, and one large pot, with clay cap spirally twisted, and she had about her a large copper mirror, and blue glazed beads. All the burials up there seem to be VI<sup>th</sup> dynasty as at Dendereh.

We have finished the larger New Race ground, and are soon to make a move to How. We shall ride over there and look for a place to build our huts, in a few days' time, and then most of us move across with camels for the roof-boards, and baggage.

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Dec 23<u>rd</u>

Ali came in to announce large snake tracks near the huts, and the largest was found to be about 4 inches across: it was traced to a cavernous hollow. The snakes have never troubled us, however. Flinders was photographing objects all the morning.

24<sup>th</sup>

Guirguis came over from Qena with donkey loads of antikas, and they sat round in my room cross-legged, with coffee and cigarettes, chatting over the antikas to F. and me <& B.O.>, 9–11 am. He bought £30 worth of alabasters and necklaces etc.

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28<sup>th</sup>

In the moving we were collecting all the pottery with salt in it, and soaking in two old oil barrels, to preserve the pots. The soaking in water for 24 hrs has marvellously improved their condition. I was drawing slates — the prehistoric paint palettes — all the afternoon, as we keep a register thus of all their shapes and tomb-numbers. F. packed one case entirely of slates, and another of stone vases. We are beginning the general packing now. F soaked the ivories in bees' wax

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The carpenter & his boy arrived and began making the boxes for the pottery. Camel-loads of timber and packing stuff cover the ground outside our courtyard wall, and then there is sawing and hammering going on all day. The carpenter is a picturesque Copt in an orange turban, and a long dark cassock. B.O. spent the whole morning in scrubbing F's new pots with soap to get Guirguis' oil out of them, and the remainder of the day in careful drawing of slates. In Mr McIver's work, beyond Shekh Ali, a delightful pottery hippopotamus turned up, very fat and short-legged with carefully modelled ears and head-wrinkles, and huge square jaw fully back, wide open. [ • ] We keep him on the dining table, to comfort us. Ali returned from Qena today, from buying timber, and brought

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F. busy packing flints, pots etc. B.O at skeletons as usual. I rested completely.

31st

She and I sketched the huts and courtyard with the great headland of Kasr es Sqad in the background, purplish pink. I also tried Dichna point at sunset, when it turned to orange warmth.

One longs to be able to sketch out here, the colouring is so exquisite.

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Flinders and I looked for the sun this morning, and watched the sun-rise from my hut-door, and we saw the green ray as the sun appeared over the cliffs of the high Gebel.

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On market days Ali has to carry us across the canal!

How is more populous than this. Funeral processions come winding up past the ruined temple to the cemetery on the Gebel, and we shall probably see more than we do here.

The other day Ali brought us in great flaps of bread of the size and thin ness of a table-napkin, when we fell short of the ordinary flat loaves. And now his wife always bakes these for us in a large mud oven in the courtyard of her hut. She and Ali Jedullah's <(our washer-man)> mother crouch by this oven, and roll out the flour with a thin rolling pin, and thrust them into the ashes: in a couple of minutes they are baked through, then wiped with their draperies

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and folded into four. B O sits and chats in there every day, and sometimes helps in the rolling.

There was a fantasia going on in our nearest village, Shekh Ali, all yesterday and today: it was the muled {= mawlid} of the holy man himself, or Saint's day, and all the country side assembled for merry making, with drums beating all the time. Our cook-boy Mohammed went, and brought home little pink sugary confections, very hard, and a musical box of the most primitive sort. Such a festa of sweetmeats was too much for him, for he seems out of sorts today. If one could avoid dense crowds, it would be interesting to see this village celebration – a sort of fair.

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A Mr Steele was coming up to spend a day and night here, but we now hear that he came as far as Nagh Hamadi, and then changed his mind, and took the train back to his steamer, though there remained only 4 miles to come by donkey for which no Arabic nor anything else was requisite.

We can get about here very much more easily than at Abadiyeh, as there are plenty of bridges over the canals.

Yesterday B. O and I spent much of the day in going to market at Nagh Hamadi: and bought turkeys, oranges, and bread, with the negro groom-boy to bargain for us: <we> cantered all the way back.

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Along the west wall of the enclosure, frescoes half destroyed, of draperied figures, fairly well-done, remain on its plastered surface, and corniced niches, the recesses for lamps.

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The Coptic deir is a neat collection of buildings walled-in, unlike anything else I have seen. The church has a long tunnel-roof. Two Coptic brethren in long black robes came out and spoke to B.O and me. They called on Flinders here later in the day, and professed hospitable feelings. We hope to call on their households when we begin work there, and I want to attend one of the services.

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One or two wells are still productive of Roman things: Besides the sword and lance head which we got, we have found other remains of armour, the copper plates fastened together with wire, evidently the fringe of the thorax. Along the north wall were large Roman houses resting on h/<v>aulted cellars built upon it: the things here seemed to have come down to 260 AD. – blue glass beads, pale luli beads, very clumsy ivory hair-pins. In the middle of the north wall is one/<the> principal entrance, whose floor is at present a rough course of limestone pavement, but it evidently had a sandstone pavement super imposed, and a pylon standing on it.

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Some quaint wooden stools or trays, three legged, with private mark [ $\Re$ ] on one of them, with a granite sliding corn-grinder were found in a cellar under the west wall, also water-jar stands of stone, and stone niches for lamps.

Jan. 17.

Since writing last, we have had a week's work in a XII<sup>th</sup> dyn & Ptolemaic patch of desert west of the fort. The graves are too well plundered to produce much however, and especially the sarcophagi in the square Ptol: vaulted chambers. In two of these, only, we found mummies not plundered, but these had only a few poor amulets of wax gilded glass, position as below,

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We clambered down into a curious series of underground chambers, the other day, leading from a trench pit, XII<sup>th</sup> or XVIII<sup>th</sup> dyn. running N and S. It led along to another well, brick-roofed, and

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between them a large chamber cut in the marl, probably the chamber of both knocked into one: this had two mummies in it laid on stone sarcophagus-lids. Beyond the second well was another chamber crammed full of grizzly black mummies piled in rows, and beyond that yet another chamber belonging to a  $3^{rd}$  well, with two branches to it, and mummies everywhere likewise: in some parts of the place it was difficult to tread between them. There were several mummied infants. It seems the chambers had originally belonged to several different pits, which had early gone out of use, and fallen into one, and then they had been largely re-used in Ptolemaic, and yet more in Roman times. It was a weird place, so strangely crammed with mummies, and, winding in and out, about 100 ft long, high enough to walk full height when once one had crawled in, and cut in the marl about 10 or 12 ft underground.

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[This page is mostly written by Beatrice Orme.]

Jany. 17.

This morning a curious sight passed along the road leading to the Coptic cemetery; viz: a procession of wailing women on camels. They sat, sometimes two on a camel, sometimes three, in rope bags hung between polls fixed across the with feet hidden. drubbed up in the bags. They were swathed in black draperies, on which a neatly shaped disk of mud had been smeared over the head of each. Their hands were a shining blue-black with black lead (?) & they wailed continually a chromatic song from Do to Mi. We could not catch the words, nor could our cook boy tell us what they were, as they were "Nusrâui" & not Muhammedans. Pretence sobs & screams were dispersed between the wails. None of the women seemed overcome by real sorrow, & they took the usual interest an English woman causes, in Hilda & me, leaving off wailing to look at us with one eye, from between the folds of drapery. They must have stayed at the cemetery about an hour, as we met them coming back on our way from Nagh Hamadi, whithe we had been to fetch bread & letters. They were still keeping up the wailing song & the little shrieks.

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cemetery is only ½ mile along the desert here near the Coptic deir or monastery. There has only been one funeral as yet, a bier covered with a red shawl bound on a camel's back swinging along the desert edge, past our huts, with Copts in long black robes accompanying it. The cemetery on whose edge we live is a great Mohammedan one, and 4 or 5 funerals take place dialy. Perhaps as many as 50 donkeys with sacks on their backs, are driven up first, then comes a slow procession, of 100 Arabs frequently, all chanting round the red-shawl-covered bier — no coffin — then in ½ hour, they all gallop back on donkeys, man and bier on donkey bringing up the rear.

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After a short relapse into talking and laughing, they worked themselves up again by yet another chorus, <u>aleh</u> Allah, it sounded like, again swaying backwards and forwards in an ecstasy, and groaning it in a frenzied exaltation of "seeing Allah". This was followed by another swaying and bowing chorus which sounded like oy or hoya, continued with clapping of hands. It culminated in a strange chorus of heavy breathing in and out, frantically kept up for some time, and just like dogs quite out of breath. Then one of the boys, Dahshur's companion, sang several times: there was one song accompanied all through with assents and groans, and another sung very quickly with grunts throughout, which

Left off when the chords seemed tired out. Then there was laughter and talking. Lastly a long refrain beginning with sometime, sometime, like Sul-lul-la, and ending (Mo.) hamed. The zither here ended.

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<Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday.>

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Their heads, and the black emeling dog walks (4) believe There are sheaks tombs with orner scattered here and there, and opposite us an suchozure vita a dom-palu and many domes. On our left his all the green cultivation, green wheat, high now, and acres of sugar-coul, and rund courseways here and there, and the square hued houses and lowers of How on a nie over the Nile, a nule from us, looking almost like an Italian city from aface; but it is only an until ques mus village, full of lat voops covered with oby and children, and mud come bus like pepper pots, when you get in to it, and were on Grand warret days one can only buy sugar cause and tobacco tiere. Believe about 6 miles from ed, rises the treat preapitions line of cliffs, north of Nile, priting out into half a voper heart and and promontories, a buttiant puix, with brillians purplish blue thatows. We have a lovely pala proce, and cool stravy sonts and nebels with saggistes worked by oxen, muter them, che to us below the temple-walls, and no count separates us from the cultivation as at Abadiych. The last two days I have been spending spare intervals in copying the hierographics on a XXX. des cartoinage - a band of wringtion. Elso B.O and I

their heads, and the black cemetery dog walks behind. There are shekhs' tombs with domes scattered here and there, and opposite us an enclosure with a dom-palm and many domes. On our left lies all the green cultivation, green wheat, high now, and acres of sugar-cane, and mud causeways here and there, and the square mud houses and towers of How on a rise over the Nile, a mile from us, looking almost like an Italian city from afar; but it is only an untidy queer mud village, full of flat roofs covered with dogs and children, and mud corn-bins like pepper-pots, when you get in to it, and even on grand market-days one can only but sugar cane and tobacco there. Behind about 6 miles from us, rises the great precipitous line of cliffs, north of Nile, jutting out into half a dozen headlands and promontories, a brilliant pink, with brilliant purplish blue shadows. We have a lovely palm grove, and cool shady sonts and nebeks with saqqiehs worked by oxen, under them, close to us below the temple-walls, and no canal separates us from the cultivation as at Abadiyeh.

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Nagh Hamadi. Upper Egypt. Feb 2.

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We had another great procession of women, with sound of tambourine beating, up to the cemetery on whose edge we live, but there was no old Egyptian dancing, this time. The reason why we have so many funerals daily is because 75 villages bury here, it is said. Besides the funerals there are these howling parties of wailing women, which are always separate, and Mohammed the cook boy tells us it is the custom to come up in parties to mourn, 15 days after the funeral, and by the grave to have meals of bread and water & sugar-cane.

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The lower terrace has the famous expedition to Punt, the ships and treasures of ivory and apes and ebony, the gold rings (weighed against weights representing bricks, bull's heads & couchant calf –) incense trees in tubs, many species of Red sea fish in the water. All the halls and rooms have delightful paintings of Hatshepsu's time: but her cartouche was always erased by Thothmes III, and Amun's name erased by Akhenaten.

Rameses II replaced/<painted> some of the scenes, and put Thothmes II in the erased cartouches, and in one case Thothmes III. The paintings and sculpture in some of the little inner sanctuaries is in/<are> brilliant in their preservation. The south side of the terraces ends in a fine sculptured wall with a ramp leading up to the side chapel of Hathor, which has an open court with Hathor-headed

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We spent Monday (13<sup>th</sup>) at the Tombs of the Kings. Rode across the river and cultivation, past the colossi, and the Ramesseum, and to Drah abul Neggah, where we saw Messrs Newberry and Spiegelberg, and appointed Wednesday for Qurneh. Lord Northampton was there also. It is a wonderful road up into the valley, that by which the Kings' sarcophagi went, in funeral procession; it winds up into the interstices of the mountains,

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Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup>) was F's first day of work again, for which he got back to Hou. B.O and I spent it in Karnak, likewise another day, then we had one day left for a dozen painted tombs at Gurneh, and one day for Gurneh temple and Medinet Habu. (next journal.)

From Luxor, standing <looking across> on/<the> river banks one gets a wonderfully comprehensive view of the whole of Thebes. to the left, south, Medinet Habu stands up as the light-coloured Ptolemaic pylons, and Deir el Medineh, then the Colossi stand in the wheat fields, then a row of 6 temples on the desert edge (those excavated by F. 3 years ago) then the great Ramesseum columns and walls, and all the foot hills behind are riddled with tomb-mouths darkening the bright rock, next come the colonnades, one above another, of Deir el B. and a mountain path right over the saddle to the Valley of the Kings' tombs, Qurneh in foreground.

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Yesterday we made up our minds as to homeward dates, and are staring for Cairo about the 10<sup>th</sup> and for Italy on the  $14^{th}$  probably. Only address now, Hotel du Capitol, Rome, where we shall be until about Mar. 21. We are busy now, as tomorrow is the last available day for drawing and photographing, and packing, and then F. and I go off on a 5–6 days' tenting trip down the desert, on horse and donkey, with Ali in attendance, just as last year. There was also a plan of copying tombs up in the desert cliffs above Kasr-es-Sayad, but I do not know if that is still practicable: B.O and I were to take our beds and wherewithal up there and live in the said tombs for some days, – pleasant for hot weather, which is now threatening to begin. It rose to 77° indoors today, but there is a cool wind blowing.

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Hatshepsu's silver smith. In the outer courtyard of this tomb we saw the Ka statue
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S. wall long inscription describing weighing of
metal rings, as shown at D. B. They also
showed us a new tomb, of <u>Neb-amen</u> XVIII dyn
which was fronted by an arcade of one large
& four smaller arches, inside which were
frescoes – one showing five splendid pigs!

The tomb of Nee/<k>ht, gardener of Ammon was interesting in having long garlands of flowers – lotus & poppy among them – the black mark on the poppy petal being carefully painted. The colours here were marvellously bright.

Another Neb-amen, tomb of a physician, had people of the Red Sea & Libyan women in curious white flounced dresses painted on its walls. The tomb of the Prince of Athribis had men on sledges, & human sacrifices — I have not mentioned the first/<third> Neb-amen I find. In this tomb was a stele mentioning a new queen of Thothmes III, Nebtu He was superintendent of boats, & of the house of the queen, & also of the hall of audience of the King.

We went into about 17 tombs in the course of the day, only one of which is mentioned by Baedecker = Ra-m/<kh>a ma-ra All the tombs said to be specially inter[e]sti[n]g in the guide book seemed to be shut up – some being used for tibu, chopped straw, by the natives – full to the roof,

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Then Neb-un-nef, Baki, and Mentuherkhepsef. Also Pu-em-Ra, superintendent of sculptors to Thothmes III, very fine low relief. Amenemheb, general, with conscription scenes, and Nekht. the most brilliantly preserved tomb in Egypt, with a small vestibule of gorgeously coloured scenes.

We spent the longest time in the long gallery of Ra/<akh>.ma.k/<r>a, which I know from Hay, Brit. Mus. It has every imaginable scene on its walls, and every object depicted has its hieroglyphic label above it. One of the brightest tomb-chambers is that of Sennefer, 4-pillared, and a rough cavern roof, painted all over with vine.

March 1st 1899.

For the last 3 days we have been favoured by the curious sight of wailing parties once more. About 9 am. a large company of women in their long black draperies come up the road from Hu, beating tambourines, howling, and shrieking, <returning at noon, after a feast at the grave.> They stop every few minutes to dance, slapping their cheeks, and singing, as before described. They wave red or orange or green kerchiefs above their heads, and chant monstrously, with shrieks at intervals. I try to glean from Mohammed our boy the words of their chants.

These are some.

El hassa u er ramleh am<u>mi</u> hum. The pebbles and the sand blind them.

(coming up) El ghēt khai-i fil fassagi, ya gini.
(From) the cultivation my brother, to the tomb, oh we have come.

(and returning) Ibkhi alak ya ayn bil hamar<u>an</u>
Weep for thee, oh my eyes, to reddening.

anzil el khawia wahedi Lower the brother alone

anzil el khawia qoddam. Lower the brother before (us)

As they dance, they sing ecstatically

An nebi salli alah.

To the prophet, pray upon it.

(or to him ?)

chorus: eywa aleh.

yes upon it.

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Wolter funeral chants are -

oh active one, oh faller, as a star in after wie

a sayoh we are a stick.

and - Robbina ya rahamma iti lassala Due Lord oh merciful tous, there is a shelter

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An/<O>ther funeral chants are –

Ya geddah, ya abu, asayeh waghribi. Oh active one, oh father, of the west.

Asayeh means a stick!

And -

Robbina ya rahamna, fi tassala Our Lord oh merciful to us, there is a shelter

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