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Arabah. Dec 11th 1934

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I have been making small casts from some of the carved heiroglyphs^{sic} in the temple, everyone is thrilled about them. Amice wants to send some out to the University of Chicago & suggest they give me a commission to make a number for educational purposes.

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I say. one job at a time, I may send one to Professor Breasted later on, & I shall certainly make one for D^r Gardiner & perhaps D^r Junker.

We are going to keep our Xmas feast until New Year. as Amice & Truda Clark^{sic} {Clarke} will be working at Chicago House making photographic enlargements during Xmas week. it is the only time the dark room & enlarging apparatus is free (so early in the season) as all the staff have five days^{sic} holiday, as far as we are concerned it does not make any difference

Mahommed Kheir is very funny. he has made up his mind that he is my soldier & when he is on duty in the temple he always makes a point of accompanying me home. I usually leave first, as I do not wait for tea, the others all have theirs in the temple but I prefer to go straight home & have half an hour to myself to work at my Arabic, & Mahommed always springs to attention & comes with me

two paces behind, but if I show the slightest desire for conversation the two paces are shortened to barely half a pace. Then again, if I stay a little late to take moulds for my casts, Mahommed never goes with the others. but waits patiently for me. I shall miss him when he goes back to Sohag at the end of the month.

Amice wishes to send you her Xmas Greetings & I am enclosing a card from her made with a rubber stamp, she has not had time to tackle the box wod/<o>d yet but looks longingly at the engraving tools.

Lots of love to you both. Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

Nannie asks me to send her respectful salutations.