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We have our lunch brought down to the temple now & afterwards go for a short walk, or find a convenient sand hill & take a sun bath, when we came home to lunch I always occupied the rest time in scribbling an account of my doings day by day up in my tower room, now I have to do my letter writing in our general room after the evening meal & I find it very difficult to give you a good account of things when the others are talking & occasionally drawing me into the conversation.

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