Cecil House

Cairo. Oct 10th 1929.

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not just helpless tourists, one man was very persistent, she told him quite politely to go away, we did not require any thing, then to "clear off." but he still persisted, so she told him to "go to the Devil" in very forcible Arabic – that did it. he said, "all right" & went. we were amused.

Capt C. wandered off on his own after lunch & we had a tidy up & a rest in the lounge. he returned very pleased with himself & told us he had found a perfectly good tea party for us. it seems he had looked up the Padre of the English Church who he knew during the war, & the Padre had invited us all to tea at 4:30. To fill in time we had a walk along the sea shore. such a stretch of glorious sands. we picked up some sea shells, I will try to enclose the tiny ones in this letter, but I expect they will be in bits before they reach you. It was hot – but a strong wind made it bearable. The tea party

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