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Dear Mother.

I had such a big mail on the $20^{\underline{\text{m}}}$ your air mail letter came <then> at the same time as the one you wrote a few days before. there was also a letter from Pat, & one from Father, & the box with Amice's pen & my cat brooch.

Thank you ever so much for the nice hankies, I must keep them for my return to civilization, I also loved the gay coloured hankies & the brooch. many thanks for everything.

I had a very jolly birthday. Amice made me a donkey egg cozey^{sic}, out of a kid glove it is very amusing, the fingers make the long ears, & two dress snaps form the eyes. All the men came & wished me Many Happy Returns or rather the equivelent^{sic} Arabic greeting. Nannie made a special chicken pie for lunch in my honour & we left off work an hour earlier & came back for a cosy tea in the house.

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We learnt afterwards that M^r Sandford found the tourists^{sic} car stuck in the sand on the way from the temple, so he & his native servant (who drives the Ford) got out & put their shoulders behind & shoved it out, while Jones & his friends looked on –

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 >th lady donk was not forthcoming I had my favourite camel. & we set off with all the men & Abdullah & our dog.

It really was one of the jolliest picnic's^{sic} we have had, when we got to the great sand dunes at the base of the cliffs the dog went mad with excitement, he'd never been on fine sand like that before, he raced about, rolled in it & tried to bite it, he galloped up the steep sides of the dunes, charged through the crest in a flurry of sand & scampered down the other side, it was'nt^{sic} long before Abdullah caught the sand madness & became a wild boy & scampered & rolled & played too.

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The next morning all the guests departed, M^r Jones brought his car round to fetch the Mackintoshes & return the things we had lent them, & they promptly stuck in the sand again when they tried to get out of our wady. & all our men had to help get them out

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We had two visitors from Chicago House for the day to-day, they were very serious young men, we gave them lunch in the temple, & brought them to the house for tea, they seemed to enjoy themselves very much, they were very interested in our work, they have just started/<departed> on their return journey to Luxor. they had started by 5.30 this morning so I expect they will be pretty tired

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Lots of love & thanks for letters, hankie etc –

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.