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- 5 Rev. W. Cooke back to Putley please.

[Addition by an unidentified member of the Mace family.]

S.S. Congo. Near Corsica Nov 1st

Once more I start a journal: it seems only yesterday I left off. Please dont let more people see it than is absolutely necessary. Rosher came to see me off at Charing Cross, so I was not quite friendless. We left at 10 and reached Paris at 5.40, a pretty quick run. After dinner I was sitting on the salon of the hotel when I let heard someone outside enquiring in loud tones for Monsieur Mace, and in sailed Miss Oldroyd with her niece Miss Borwick. They came to take me to the theatre, so off we went to the Porte St. Martin. Cyrano de Bergerac was the play. I could'nt follow very much, but it was worth going only to see Coquelin. On the way back we bought some chestnuts, which we all three eat as we walked along.

Nov 2nd

After breakfast I went out for a stroll to buy one or two things which I had forgotten to get in London, and eventually found my way to the Louvre, where I had arranged to meet Miss Oldroyd. We had lunch at a cafè, and then she drove down

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Nov 3rd

When we got to Marseilles I got a boy to carry my bag and walked to the hotel. Everyone was asleep so we had to ring the establishment up. After lunch I went out for a walk with a German staying at the hotel who talked English fairly well, and came back by bus just in time to drive down to the boat. We got off at half past five, an hour and a half late. At dinner time I debated where to sit and finally took a place next to some people who looked English. Five minutes after dinner had started they mentioned Flinders Petrie, so there I was at once. Do I look like a Frenchman? I hope not. Everyone seems to think I am one until they begin to talk to me. Then they have doubts, grave doubts I may say, on the subject.

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Nov 5th

We have been in sight of land the greater part of the day; first the Lipari Islands, with Stromboli in the distance, and then the straits of Messina, at about four oclock in the afternoon. (this effect of black and white is caused by the eccentricities of my fountain pen, which is behaving outragis). We still keep up a pretty stiff wind, and consequently the sea is not as calm as it might be, Some of the passengers have seen far more of the insides of their cabins than of the rest of the ship so far.

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Nov 7th

A really calm day at last: no wind and hardly a ripple in the water. All sorts of odd people are turning up today whom one has never seen before: two English people amongst others. I find we have a French personally conducted tour on board. They are going to have two days in Cairo, and then going in into Syria; a three weeks trip altogether. Today they had a lecture given to them in the saloon as to what they were to do in Alexandria. Further they all wear badges, and call themselves a scientific expedition. Some of them would further the cause of science better if they had themselves stuffed and set up in an ethnological museum. But thats by the way. They say we are to get in to Alexandria by Half past nine tomorrow morning, so I may as well send off this sheet there. I dont know when I shall be able to get off any more.

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1 Hotel Khedivial Cairo. Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

We reached Alexandria at about halfpast ten this morning. The next Cairo train did not leave till after four, so I left my things at the station, and did some shopping: bought a revolver amongst other things. At the train nearly all my fellow passengers turned up, and I came up in the same carriage as the <English> people whom I sat next to at meals. The station people played us a very mean trick. The train was apparently too heavy for the engine, so they quietly uncoupled the front half of the train and sent it off, we sitting in our places like good little children the while, wondering why the train did'nt start, and then came and told us that the second train would not start for another half hour. Consequently we were an hour and a quarter late at Cairo. One of the porters here says that, the only time the train is ever punctual is when there are no passengers. Such is Egypt. We got to Cairo just too late to catch the train comfortably, let alone get any food, so Ouibell who was at the station to meet me persuaded me to give up the attempt, and stay with over in him at his hotel. So I decided to stay over Wednesday in order to pay my respects to the Museum people, which after all I suppose was my duty, and go on by the morning train on Thursday. Too late for dinner at the hotel, so we dined in the open air at an Italian cafè.

Nov 9th

After breakfast I donkeyed up to the Museum, called on Brugsh<sup>sic</sup> {Brugsch} Bey, who gave me a ticket for the

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tombs and temples of Upper Egypt, thereby saving me a guinea, and left a card for Loret, who fortunately was not there. Spent the morning in the Museum, (our last year's things are put out, and look very well) and lunched with Quibell and his colleagues at the Museum/<there>. It does seem natural being back in Cairo again: I dont seem to have been away more than about a week.

## Luxor Hotel Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

Got up, train, went to bed. That is the sum-total of my doings today. I left Cairo hotel at seven, and arrived at Luxor at half past twelve, after nearly seventeen hours of train. I got the hotel people to put me up some lunch, and out of what they gave me I managed to make a three course lunch and a four course dinner, finishing up with a cup of Turkish coffee, which an old man brought round at one of the stations. When I arrived at Luxor there was no conveyance or donkey to be seen, so I got a man to carry my goods round to the hotel, where again I had to knock them up (I am getting rather good at knocking up hotels).

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Nov 12th

After breakfast I took my leave of the hotel and went over to the West side of the river again. Newberry and Spiegelburg were out on the work, so I followed and stayed with them till lunch.

After lunch I went up to Deir el Bahri where Carter and Sillem are carrying on another branch of the Exploration Fund's work. They are engaged in restoring the temple and copying the wall inscriptions, and a very good job they have made of it. Carter shewed me over the temple and I stayed and had tea with them. When I got back I found that Ali and five of our old men had arrived for instructions. I had written before to Ali, from England, telling him to look for me at Luxor about the 13th.

Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

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Nov 14th

In the morning I walked over to the 'tombs of the Kings'; Kings that is to say of the XVIII<sup>th</sup> and XIX<sup>th</sup> dynasties, which are quite as wonderful in their way as the pyramids. They are cut clean out of the face of solid rock, chamber after chamber, and run back, some of them to a distance of about fifty yards. After lunch I got a donkey, rode down to the river, ferried across and walked to the station. I took my

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ticket to Keneh, but when I got to Quft, rather more than half way, there were Ali and one of the other men rushing up and down the station, yelling 'M<sup>r</sup> Mace' at the top of their voices. It appeared that they had had bad winds, and not being able to get to Keneh in time had stopped opposite Quft, and come to intercept me at the station. So I left the train and walked down to the boat. The native boats are somewhat resemble a Thames barge with a mast and huge sail. In the stern is a small raised deck, and on this they had prepared a kind of mattrass, so I inclined in state while we drifted down the river surrounded by a/<A>li, my five Kuftis, and the/<and> two men and a boy who formed the crew. At about seven oclock we stopped near a village where Ali had heard of a horse, and presently the village brought the horse down to be inspected. I tried to look as if I knew something about horses, and examined him solemnly by the light of a lantern, examined/<looked at> his teeth etc. Finally I agreed to take him for a week on trial, and he was added to our cargo. So we loosed out again and drifted through the darkness.

Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Keneh at about eleven oclock, and went up into the town. Here we had several purchases to make, wood for the house etc. While Ali was bargaining I went to

call on Jugis; the antica dealer who was so Kind to me last year . I also met several other people whom I got to know last year. I hunched at a freek cafe, and eat otrange things, we left Hereh late in de afternoon, having capen on board 120 plantes, for native beds teads, and immunerable other articles including several water melons about as big as the dome of J. Pauls. hatmally the treat is a bit woodled. It's a logy kind of wartener difting down a rim all day long like this, and would be very jolly of one had no a home to get bruto in a aroain time, and want anxious I backed from the boat, slept on board gain, and sleps like a top. Two 16th, When I woke up I found we were moored at Deshneh, which in all probability is to be our post-town. Here we made further purchases grass mats to serve as doors, etc. The men also laid in a stock of ougan came, so for the use the fourney we all showed arriduraly, after about three hours more dufting we arrived opposite Sheilth ali and landed our goods, thenking we had got so the end of our fourney. To get to our to go to the village, then a canal to be owned, and then about a mile and a half along the edge of the desert. Then came a big corroboner.

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Nov 16th

When I woke up I found we were moored at Deshneh, which in all probability is to be our post-town. Here we made further purchases, grass mats to serve as doors, etc. The men also laid in a stack of sugar-cane, so for the rest of the journey we all chewed assiduously. After about three hours more drifting we arrived opposite Sheikh Ali and landed our goods, thinking we had got to the end of our journey. To get to our site we found there was about three miles to go to the village, then a canal to be crossed, and then about a mile and a half along the edge of the desert. Then came a big corroboree

about the price of camelo, in the course of which the camels were sent away and recalled three times. We reached the vollage about an hour before sunset, and found that the only means of getting across the canal was a tiny fung-boat. It was impossible to get to our destination that night, so we plumped our goods down in the middle of the village, and ali and I walked on to choose the escart spot for the house. When we got back I was just settling down for a meal ( by the way all the food I goo till seven in the evening was a piece of native bread, some melon, and a kew dates) the village shirth turned up and insisted on my going back with him to dine and sleep. I would much rather have stayed where I was, but I would not very will refuse. I tried to escure myself on the plea that I must stay to look after the things, but he replied that he to would send some quands

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round to watch during the night. The dinner was delightfully Arabic. We sat round a small table, and a tray was brought in containing a sa turkey, two basins of broth between five people, and a dish of a kind of stuff resembling – I really dont know what. Knives, forks and spoons of course we had none: when we wanted turkey we plunged our fingers into him and secured what we could. After dinner we held a kind of reception. The sheikh had apparently never had anything to do with Europeans: and I heard him asking one of our men all sorts of questions about us. Finally he accompanied me up to my bedroom, where we had a final cup of coffee (cups of coffee had been coming in at intervals all through the evening); after which he departed, leaving a servant who refused to go out until he had seen me to bed and tucked me up.

4/ Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

When I woke this morning I found my faithful attendant waiting with a glass of most delicious milk, and when I got downstairs there was the Sheikh with the inevitable coffee. We had to wait in the village a considerable time even now, as we had to wait until the village people had finished with the ferry, so that it took us the best part of the day to get all our things conveyed to the site. It is a relief to get on to the desert again. I have set up my tent and am happy. We have ordered 10 000 bricks which are to be delivered tomorrow.

**Nov. 18th** 

This morning I sketched out a kind of ground plan on the desert with bricks, and we star<t>ed building. The bricks are very small, and I am only building one brick thick, so I am rather doubtful whether the whole thing wont blow down. The people round take a great interest

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in our procedings<sup>sic</sup>: they come and squat around, and watch, and criticise freely. We are in a part of the world where tourists never come, so naturally they are curious. I had my first ride on my spirited Arab stud today. He seems rather a bargain, but as I have no saddle yet, and riding him bareback is rather like riding on the edge of a knife.

Nov 19th

Three of our old men turned up today, who had gone to Quf Gurneh after me and been directed on here. I expect I shall have plenty more coming in in a day or two. I am getting my own room finished first, as I want to move all my things into it as soon as I can. I can hardly move in my tent, I am so crowded out.

Nov 20th

Got my roof on today, so moved

in: a nice big room I have got this season. I hope it will soon be full of anticas. People here have the vaguest notions of the kind of things we want: a tiny child came running after me today with a bit of desert flint. They were much astounded to hear that we wanted bones as well. Went for a walk with Ali today into the village to search for more bricks. We secured 4000 more at a most ruinous price, 1/4 a thousand, but I am afraid that even that will not be enough.

Nov 21st

This morning over sixty men turned up, and are now sleeping about the place. I daresay by the time Petrie comes I shall have getting on for a couple of hundred here. Four rooms are now roofed in and plastered with mud inside, I must try and get a couple more done tomorrow. This

evening, to my great delight, I got a post; the first letters I have had since I left England. While I was writing this Ali came in, in great distress. He has just heard that his father-in-law, who is always trying to wring money out of him, has taken advantage of his absence to go on to his house and bag some of his things. So tomorrow morning he starts off his to interview his father-in-law and have it out with him. It is rather a nuisance, as he will have to be away for two or three days.

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>

Six camels delivering bricks all day today, but the supply is again exhausted. If I only had the time to spare I would set to and make the bricks myself, but they would take three or four days to dry, and I expect Petrie will turn up in a day or two.

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Nov 23rd

I hope Petrie wont turn up tomorrow, or I shant have got the house finished. I sent in to Ken Dechneh today, but the boy must have muddled it somehow, as the man at the office refused to believe in him or give him the letters. This afternoon I had my usual visit from the native official who wants to know what right I have to take possession of the desert like this, and so on, but luckily I had a copy of last years permit with me, so I was able to settle him pretty quickly.

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Nov 24th

Ali returned this morning after a great struggle with his father-in-law: he found that his house had been completely rifled. We got the roof on the dining room today, and a most palatial room it is – twenty feet by nine, and over six feet high. Theres luxury for you. Tomorrow I hope we shall have finished, so Petrie can come as soon as he likes. I borrowed a saddle from the Sheikh today, and went for a good long ride into the desert. I must get hold of a saddle of my own as soon as I can.

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<Nov 26<sup>th</sup>>

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the great man today: there was a convenient train which I thought he would take advantage of. Now I dont know when he will come: he may drop in any moment. This morning we wanted about three hundred bricks to finish, and Ali had made arrangements for a thousand to be delivered early. By eleven oclock they had'nt come, so Ali and I went off to investigate, only to find that the owner of the bricks had gone off for the day, presumb/<a>bly to have a spree with the five piastres he had been advanced on account. This was too much, so we secured camels from elsewhere, quietly counted out a thousand bricks, and were making off with our plunder, when the man's brother turned up. Then there was a glorious row. Txxx[?]/<Presently> the father of the owner of the bricks turned up, and tried to smooth things down. He offered to send the bricks off at once, only with his own camels. That would n[o]t do either. We had brought our own camels, and were'nt going to send them away again. We must have the five piaster back, or cant/<camel> the bricks ourselves. Finally the five piastres was collected, with great difficulty, and in tiny contributions, from various neighbours, and we departed in triumph, and finished the house without the bricks.

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Nov 28th

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Dec 1st

This morning I took off twenty men

and planted them down on an old kingdom cemetery about a mile and a half from the house. When I had got them well started I walked on to an XVIIIth dyn. cemetery about four miles from the house, my furthest limit, to inspect the ground. There I found three men having a private dig on my cemetery, my own private empire if you please, so I went and ordered them off. They went. What I should have done if they had refused I dont quite know. We[?] apparently the villagers for miles round have been in the habit of digging here for years. When I got back to my men I found they were mostly on graves. One small tomb had two human skeletons in it and an ibex skeleton, so there was'nt much room for me. Working so far away, it wastes too much time to come back in the middle of the day, so I take my lunch with me. I managed to find about two square yards of shade today

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I seem to be in for a lively time of it this winter. I decided to move on to the far cemetery today, as plundering is going on there, so I marched my men off again. When we had got nearly to the XVIII cemetery we found about 20 men digging on a New Race cemetery. They ran when they saw us coming, and we went on with the pits they had kindly started for us. This served to annoy them considerably, and presently they began to collect at a little distance, and after a bit had the cheek to bring up a hoe, and start packing at the ground. I wasn't going to stand this, so I got my measuring pole and charged. The majority of them turned and fled, but one stood his ground; so I went for him. We had a bit of a scuffle and then he too turned

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Dec 3rd

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 $M^{rs}$  C. Bromby – after to  $M^{rs}$  Blyth & to [?] Please forward to

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[This marginal note was probably added by an unidentified member of the Mace family.]

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our usual programme of marking bones by taking a moonlight walk over the desert. I mean we three; not the great man of course. Miss Oldroyd departs on Thursday, and then we shall be left for a brief space to our original number. Who is to be the next visitor I dont know: I expect Rosher.

## Feb 1st

M<sup>IS</sup> Petrie came in to meals today for the first time for nearly three weeks. It seemed quite funny to see her there again. Miss Oldroyd took a lovely photograph this morning of two of my men sitting on top of a grave watching me clearing it out. They are Soudani blacks, the most gloriously ugly old boys you ever saw, and made a lovely picture sitting there watching intently. Our prize today was a pair of untouched Ptolemaic sarcophagi, from which we got some really good amulets. I have had very bad luck lately:

all my tombs have been plundered: a great shame I call it to rob the dead like that. Tomorrow is pay day again. I must go to bed and try and get a long night to clear my brain for it. Too 2nd I got drough my accounts today with flying colours, but was somewhat amazed at the smallners of the amount. Two pounds fifteen shillings does not seen occenive for fourteen men and boys, and get they all seemed very pleased with what they got, and thanked me profusely for it. heat week I think I must be a little more liberal. you see we don't pay them a fixed amount per day, but well on everything by measure , as they finish up any piece of work we measure to with our

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down to the village of Dendera. There we met the son of the temple reis who insisted on our stopping and having some coffee. So we sat down under the shade of a tree in front of his house and waited while he went in and brought us some out, which we drank while the village watched. It was really rather escenting, as the vollage was bringed in its animals, and every now and then a sportion camel would dance past with its four leps all hicking out sideways and a small child dangling at the end of a rope some four or fixe y ands behind. a varied collection they seem to have too; camels, horses, cours, buffalous, exen, sheep, goats, dogs, turkeys and chickens, to say nothing of the children, Tomorrow Mins oldroyd departs, Her steamer leaves Kench at half part six, so I am going to get up very early to go down with her and see her off.

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Feb 13th

Today in one of the mastaba pits
the men came upon a large stone sarcophagus
with all the inside covered with inscription.
We shall be able to judge of its value better
when they clear all the sand out of it.
A nice fat envelope by the post tonight.
You ask if the heat at night is excessive
I find three or four blankets none too many.
You also suppose we have long evenings. We
dont get in now till about seven. Then
by the time we have had more or less of
a bath, and considerably more than less
of a dinner there is not a great deal of

evening left for a person who goes to bed early. How very sad about Jones. I sent him a letter only about a fortnight ago. When did it happen?

Feb 14th

This afternoon I saw rather a funny sight. I was some distance away from the house when I saw a party of tourists on donkeys riding from the temple, evidently bent on paying the great man a call. So I watched them. Presently as 4/<they> passed a mound I saw two figures slink round the other side and when they had passed, make off in the opposite direction. It was Mr and Mrs Petrie. It was no use, however, for presently the visitors' donkey boys found out from the men where they were, and so they pursued and captured them. One of my men surpassed himself today. He was working along the inside face of a wall, and I told him to find the outside face and work that instead. Presently he came to find me,

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[The text at the bottom of the page was probably added by an unidentified member of the Mace family.]

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Feb 19th

A fine haul of bronzes this morning; seven pots and three axe-heads. The great man thinks they must have been stolen from the temple and buried. The lucky finders got £6 for them. The Petries start off early tomorrow, and leave me in possession. I dont think I shall have much to do, as today is the last of Ramadan and the great Mohammedan Festival is celebrated: so the majority of men are off for a day or two's feasting and enjoyment. MacIver turned up just as we were sitting down to dinner, having ridden all the way from Luxor on a camel and regretted it more every mile he came. After dinner we took him round and shewed him the

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Secondly – Am I growing dark and how is my beard getting on? I have grown so dark that charcoal leaves a white mark on my face, and I have to walk warily lest I trip over my beard and sprain my ane/<k>le.

Thirdly – I have not yet seen the Sphinx.

Fourthly - I am sure the Sirdar knows far less about the movements of the Dervishes than the 'Chronicle', and I know even less than he.

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Feb 25th

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Feb 28th

It really is beginning to get a bit warm now: one is glad to get out early in the morning and take a couple of hours indoors in the middle of the day. We get such a nice long day now too; the sun does'nt set until nearly half-past six.

March 1st

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Market day, so I spent my time marking pots and clearing up a bit.

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went so far as to dress for the part, which consisted in taking all his clothes off. This was too much so MacIver chased him and chastised him, after which we finished our walk in peace. It is simply amazing the way the crops grow here. You can see the difference in hig/<ei>ght every week; at this rate I shall see the harvest through.

I wonder if it is possible to cut your own hair. Mine will soon be over my shoulders, and I see no chance of getting to a barber's till I get back to Cairo.

The great man turned up tonight with his beautifully short, but I guess M<sup>ISS</sup>
Petrie cut it. I suppose one could if one had scissors and a glass, but then I have neither; at least I have about five inches of the latter, but that, being Arabic, is so bad that you cant see straight in it.

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March 4th

A day of visitors. When we were having lunch today two ladies rode up on donkeys to call. We must have looked a funny sight. The great man in a pair of native trousers and not much else; M<sup>IS</sup> Petrie with her hair flowing down her back, and MacIver and myself in – well not in dress clothes: all sitting on store boxes round a clothless homemade table. Then later in the afternoon

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Ali who was with us being of an economic turn refused to let me go to a swell shop and insisted on my going to a small native shop, whose proprietor had evidently never seen so much hair on one head before and distrusted his ability to tackle it. However he was reassured by Ali and sai/<et> to work. He began bravely enough. h/<H>e cut from e/<t>he back of my neck to the top of my head with a sn/<cl>ipping machine which I afterwards discovered had been nearly as effective as a razor. Then his courage failed him and he appealed

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April 6th

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April 7th

Directly after I got to bed last night our donkeys turned up, and a big discussion naturally ensued. Then I got to sleep for a bit, and was again waked up by Smain, who is to stay here as guard, wandering disconsolately round the courtyard, looking for things that had been left out. About an hour later the camels turned up to take the last lot of boxes down to the boats, and another big row ensued. At half past two we had had enough of it, so got up,

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made some tea and started off: Garstang's camp we reached just before sunrise, where we found them all peacefully sleeping. Much to their disgust we roused them up and had breakfast: as was to be expected in Egypt the camels had not arrived. After breakfast we waited about an hour, but as there was still no sign of camels. we MacIver and I took the opportunity to get a couple of hours sleep, which we badly wanted. Still no camels, so we had lunch, and just as we were finishing they gurgled up, and after a reasonable amount of talk we managed to get loaded up and start. Quite an imposing procession we made - first Wilkin hung round with knives and Mauser pistols; then Myers, much behelmeted and befong-garreed[?]; then myself, followed by the guide and two baggage camels: in all six full grown camels

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a baby camel five months old, and an escort of five camel men and my man Ahmed, who is going with us to look after our things, while we are out for the day. So we set out over the desert, passing on the way Garstang's big royal tomb, a fine place, with a pit ninety feet deep; up through a winding gorge in the cliff to the high desert plateau which we reached about two hours before sunset. By this time, not being used to camel-riding we had had enough of it, so we got off and walked, striking gradually inwards and away from the water courses which furrow the edge of the high desert. At sunset we stopped, and consulted the guide as to a camping place for the night. "Oh", he said, "there's a beautiful place just a quarter of an hour further on". So we trudged on

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again for about an hour and enquired again. "Oh its less than a quarter of an hour on now", was the encouraging reply. Another hour passed and we came to a heap of stones on the road, which the guide pointed out with pride as the noting place. However one place is as good as another to sleep in, so we off saddled, and groped about for something to eat. We attempted to boil a kettle, but there was too much wind, so we decided to give up all idea of a hot drink till we arrived at the Oasis, and went to bed.

Marchsic (April) 8th

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was somewhat disturbed owing to the inquisitiveness of the baby camel.

At sunrise we got off, after a hasty breakfast, and trekked slowly all day over a flat, stony, rather uninteresting looking country, not even stopping for lunch. Once you get used to the motion camel riding is not at all unpleasant, except for its abominable slowness. I got so sleepy today I that I dropped off once or twice, and only just saved myself falling off the camel. At sunset Macly Wilkin and I were walking on ahead, when we made a find, nothing less than a real live telegraph post. Once upon a time the Government took it into their heads to connect the Oasis with the Nile Valley by telegraph. At great cost this was carried out, and congratulatory

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Marchsic (April) 9th

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Marchsic (April) 10th

This morning we met the first people we have seen on the way, a party of three Arabs with a cargo of baskets to sell in Egypt. We were due to reach water by midday, so we breakfasted on some bread and hard-boiled eggs, and made up our minds not to stop again until we did get there, a resolution I for one bitterly regretted. For about six hours we kept along on level ground, wondering when the descent was going to begin,

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### April 12th

Today we have taken things very easily, and fed enormously, to make up for past deficiencies. In the morning we went for a stroll in the town, which is the most curious I have ever seen. It seems they have a good deal of rain here, and so all the streets are roofed over. You go through a gate, duck your head, and

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April 13th

This morning we saddled up our camels, hired a guide, and set off at a good trot (fine healthy exercise is a trotting camel) for a temple of which we had heard rumours. After about an hours riding we came to it, and it turned out to be a temple erected by Darius, or rather by Darius' orders, with additions by Nectanebo, the last Egyptian king. Further back on the hill we came on a much more interesting sight site, a cemetery of large early Coptic tombs, fine places of interesting construction, with arches and pillars that were more like Byzantine than anything else. In one we found two rough figures painted on the wall, and above them the name [ $\Re$ ] and [ $\Re$ ].

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Poking around about we presently came on a ceiling painting of a very different order of merit. The ceil roof of the tomb was a beehive-shaped dome, and round it were painted the figures of fourteen saints; more after the style of the Pompeian frescoes than anything I have seen, and really quite as good as most of the things ones see there. The names of the figures were painted over them and were as follows: –

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These things must from the style of them be very early, but the tombs are in such good preservation that it is hard to believe. At present they are only three or four Copts living here, but in early times they must have had it pretty nearly all to themselves.

Nestorius was banished here, and he probably made it a centre of his teaching. So far we have found nothing here earlier than Darius, which is disappointing.

After exploring the tombs we went back and had lunch in the temple, and made our way back leisurely to camp in the afternoon.

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After lunch Myers and Wilkin went up to the village to measure some of the people's heads: I was lazy and stayed at home. About an hour before sunset we went to pay our promised visit to the Omdah, taking coffee on the way with some people who were sitting outside their house,

and refused to let us go by. At the Omdah's house we found the Omdah of another village some ten hours away. It seems there are four villages in this Oasis, each with its little strip of cultivation, and with four or five hours of desert between each. At the Omdah's we sat and talked for some time, and presently a large tray come in covered with small dishes of various kinds of meats, and we all had dinner. The Omdah talks of coming to England some day, so we gave him our names and addresses, and told him to come and see us. So if a stray Arab turns up any time when I am not at home, be kind to him: the only English he knows is 'yes'. It was quite dark when we got away, so w he insisted on sending a guard with a lantern to shew us the way.

<Back again all right: going down to Cairo in a day or two>

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1/ April 15<sup>th</sup>

Our last day at the Oasis, so we took it very easy. Wilkin and Myers did a little head measuring of the villagers, and I went for a lazy stroll round the village, and that was about all we did. In the afternoon the Omdah's brother came and paid us a long call, and we plied him with many strange drinks, such as tea, lemonade and Eno's fruit salt. Wilkin also shewed off his Mauser which I am afraid made the old man rather covetous. We did a little preliminary packing up, and went to bed early.

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April 21st

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which is most interesting. Just before sunset I started off again, ferried to Girgeh, and met Wilkin and Myers at the station. We got some dinner at a Greek restaurant close to the station, and caught the train to about half past eight.

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Our train was late, so we did not reach Cairo till about nine o'clock this morning. At the Nil we found ver MacIver, very much bored with his fortnight alone in Cairo, and very glad to see us. In the morning we did a little shopping, and after lunch Wilkin and I drove up to call on the Quibells, with whom I am going to stay while I am in Cairo. Such a jolly house they have now: the Museum was the Khedive's old palace and the baths have been turned into a house for them, a long low place, one story, with enormous

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I dined at the Nil with MacIver and Wilkin and met D<sup>r</sup> Elliott<sup>sic</sup>-Smith and another man, who has a billet in the Finance.

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In the afternoon Quibell and I took some photographs in the gardens and manufactured a dark room. Later we had a somewhat dull tea-party, as five very melancholy, and somewhat quarrelsome ladies of the American Mission came in. Then we all went out to dinner with Somers Clarke, whose dahibiye/<ah> is anchored close to the Museum.

April 25th

Spent a lively morning over accounts, which would not come right. Went down to lunch with Edgar of the Cataloguing staff, and met several people there. For a wonder we dined here, and had a quiet evening.

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