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ARABAH EL MADFUNAH
BALIANA, UPPER EGYPT.

Dear Mother & Father.

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I have purchased four more of those jolly little caps. I shall keep them & bring them with me. I have also bought 4 little bead bracelets that the brides here wear. They make jolly serviette rings. we each use one for that purpose here, our house boy recognises each by its different pattern & never makes a mistake over them.

Such a sad thing happened to day, one of the Temple guards dog was poisoned & died before we could do anything for it. The poor old man nearly wept, he said he would not have been more distressed if it had been one of his children. He said his only consolation, Praise be to Allah was that the dog died very quickly. We do not know how it got the poison, it might possibly have been given it out of spite such things are done here, or the police may have put out poisoned meat for a rabid dog, & this dog got hold of a bit. anyway we are very sad for Mahomed, it was a well trained watch dog, no one but its master or any of his family dared to touch it. it guarded the engine room every night, now since the dog is dead & a trained dog is not easy to get, the old man

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Will you please give the enclosed to the Andersons on Xmas morning if this arrives in time -

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