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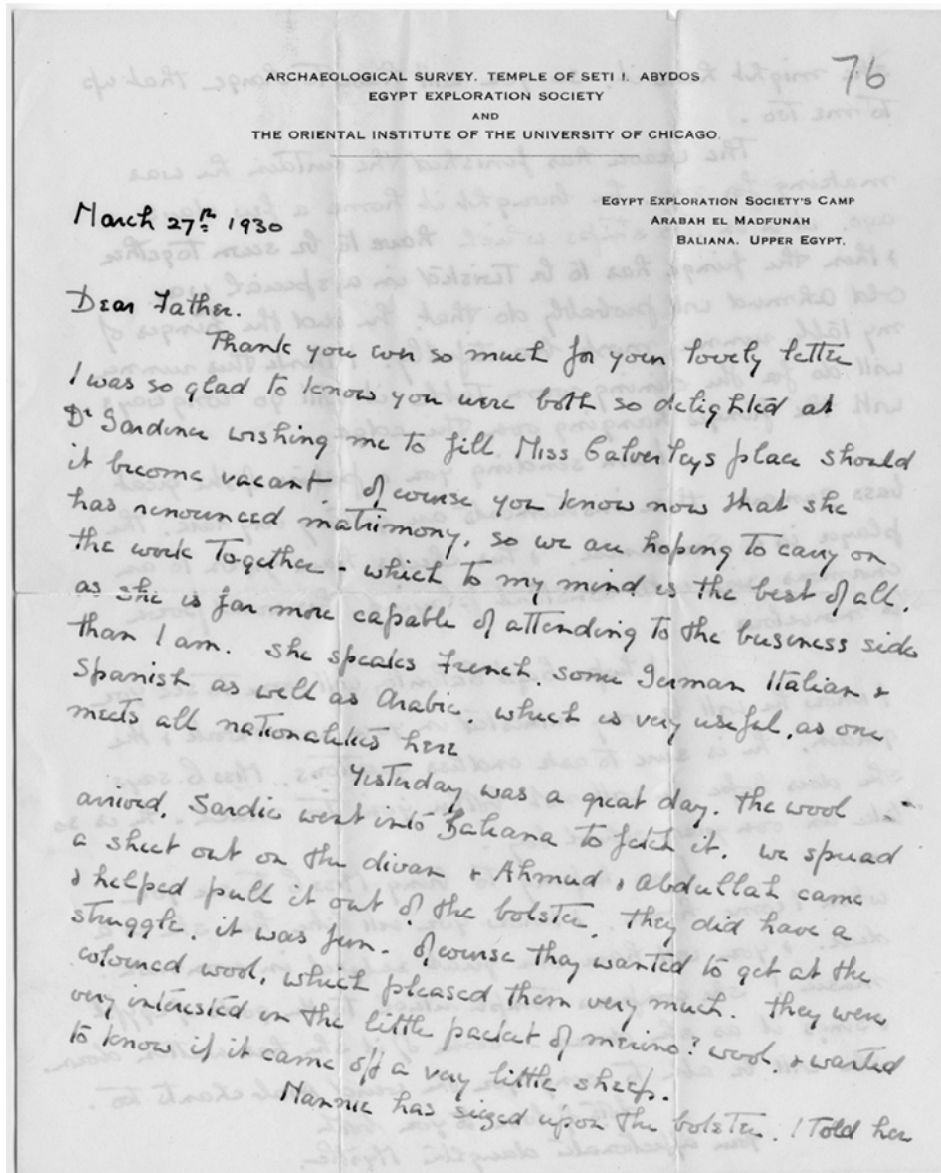
March 27th 1930

Dear Father.

Thank you ever so much for your lovely letter I was so glad to know you were both delighted at D^r Gardiner wishing me to fill Miss Calverleys^{sic} place should it become vacant. of course you know now that she has renounced matrimony, so we are hoping to carry on the work together – which to my mind is the best of all, as she is far more capable of attending to the business side than I am. she speaks French, some German Italian & Spanish as well as Arabic. which is very useful, as one meets all nationalities here

Yesterday was a great day. the wool arrived. Sardis went into Baliana to fetch it. we spread a sheet out on the divan & Ahmud & Abdullah came & helped pull it out of the bolster, they did have a struggle. it was fun. of course they wanted to get at the coloured wool, which pleased them very much. they were very interested in the little packet of merino? wool. & wanted to know if it came off a very little sheep.

Nannie has siezed^{sic} upon the bolster. I told her



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The weaver has finished the curtain he was making for me. he brought it home a few days ago. it is in two strips which have to be sewn together & then the fringe has to be twisted in a special way. Old Ahmud will probably do that. he did the fringes of my table runner most beautifully. I think this runner will do for the dining room table it will go long ways with the fringes hanging over the edge.

I am sending you a picture of the great bass zumara. these instruments are getting very rare. the player is a Soudanese. & his cheeks have grown to an enormous size with constant playing. his wind power is marvelous.

I hope Capt Calverley will come to see you. I know he will be very interested in your wood work & the garden. he is sure to ask endless questions. Miss C. says she does hope he will not bother you too much. he is so like an overgrown school boy.

I am hoping to bring Miss C to see you when I come home. I know you will like her. she is a dear. & you will have one great subject in common. music! she composes temple ritual to the gods of Egypt & sings it as she draws - some of it she has written down. she will be able to sing you the weird Arab chants too.

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