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Schweinfurth (who is coming over here again with a stock of card boxes to box up all my plants separately); & the skulls for Virchow, who picked up two or three dozen & wishes to have 50 if I will pack them for him. Then a report of another mummy, & by the time they have lunched a procession of three gilt mummies is seen coming across the mounds glittering in the sun. These were are of a fresh style. Painted portraits, but the body covered with bright red-brown varnish, & scenes in relief gilt all over it. The name on each mummy across the breast.

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These I must bring away intact they are so fine & in such good condition. Then another portrait, but a poor one. Then after my visitors left I went round & found the greater part of an ivory covered casket, with the usual roughish style of Roman ivory panels with incised figures; it had been broken up anciently, nearly half is missing, but it can be fitted together. With it was a pair of knitted woollen socks, with separate great-toe pieces; some patterned clothing <, sandals>, papyrus & a pretty glass flask.

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When I got back at sunset I found another portrait, - the sixth today - of medium work, & a bit lost, but in good state. Now it is 11. and I must go to bed, or rather go in bed for I am to it, & on it, already, as my blankets are my only seat. A good part of a Greek tomb stone was found in different pits today [**] This again mentions the market (emporion) like one of the wooden tickets.

Next morning when I went in to the pyramid tunnel I saw to my immense delight that a mass of brick with mud joints which we had begun to cut into was not horizontal but in arch courses

[R]

so my guess as to the meaning of the wall by the side of the tunnel at first is proved, & we are now right on to the top edge of the chamber. The tunnel is now running down

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Another portrait, a lady, but somewhat scaled, & will need waxing. Shaban Effendi the Museum inspector came over from Medineh & spent some time. He is a very nice young fellow, & I make no secrets from him either as to finds or future work. He tells me that Illahun & Tell Gurob are both legally in the Fayum, & within my present order, so I shall only need to have a renewal next season for those. The Greeks in Medineh are mightily sore at hearing reports of my finds: to think that they have had such a site close to them so many years, & have not poached in it. Shaban will take good care so soon as I go to inspect here & Tell Gurob constantly, so as to prevent any surreptitious work. I am working out all I touch here so that whatever I leave behind will be undisturbed plains, & will shew any attempt at further work.

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Quantities of embroidered clothes are being found now.

At 1/2 past one this morning <5th April> two of the boys on the night work came running down to the tents, & said that they had found the stone, "El hagar talet, el odeh gai" (the stone appears, the room is come). So Muh^d went up, & then reported to me. It was the roof stone of the chamber, and in the morning I went & inspected. Later we found that it butted against the top of the wall of horizontal work thus.

[R] But the rub is how many roof beams are there? At Pepi's at Sakkara, the only one exposed in section, there are 3 layers of beams [R] making about 15 feet thickness.

To sink a well 15 feet deep in solid rock (for such stones are equal to that) would be a tough job. If I can get down between the rock & the wall, I should then cut through the wall, but that may be very thick. The only other course would be to turn off the tunnel earlier, & get at the end wall which is probably thinner, the plan being thus [**]

A very curious terracotta
was found in the cemetery;
a Sedan chair carried by two
bearers, windows at the sides,
flap half doors in front: and
in side it another loose figure,
of a lady, seated, riding in the
chair. A large terracotta doll has
bronze earrings & bracelet, & a litt sewn shirt put on.

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Two other fragments I have not yet mentioned though found some days ago.

[♠]This is nearly half of a limestone tablet.

Another tablet with a king & queen offering to a god in a shrine with two crocodiles on the top of it, has a long inscription below, of which most is unfortunately lost. It runs

This was at least under a Ptolemy, & names a man Petenephies & the god Sebak.

Two portraits are unhappily nearly done for, what with scaling & decay of the paint; they may come up better when waxed, as that freshens the colours greatly.

I found that the pyramid chamber wall was built so close to the rock sides that we could not work between

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(they may be in contact, that I have not yet seen) so we are now deepening the pass tunnel floor to trace the outer brick wall <AA> to its north east corner, & from that I shall have a presumption where to turn off from the tunnel to hit the end of the chamber. There the pointed apex will be so high that the chamber will be more accessible [**]

I have had a nasty cold for a day or two, owing to the incessant chilling. But after keeping quiet for a few hours, & taking life easy for a day, I am pretty well over it.

Another good portrait. The end of the wall round the pyramid pit is found, so I hope soon to get at the end of the chamber.

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8 - 15 April 1888

8-15 April 1800 On Saturday my A was 30 1 Expelenty bad that I could not ster, allower my head to somewhat in diest, with some fever. Strange to. temperature searcely awall up, but pulse du I could not even look aba fine newportrant; a has bland out £14 to much? to destribute juriciously : on account, as it was pay day. In . That site tracked back sbly the outer N. face of the Iwarfwell when they built the pyr it all. I then measures off the chamber side to the Iwarfwall where found before, then allowed the same distance for the N. face freak to N. and of chamber disciplination of the son I resitated of wehave hit the brish anch again interested to see how such a

On Saturday my cold was so hopelessly bad that I could not stir, all over my head & somewhat in chest, with some fever. Strange to say temperature scarcely at all up, but pulse doubled. I could not even look at a fine new portrait; and I had to hand out E14 to Muhd to distribute judiciously on account, as it was pay day. Sunday I was moveable, and Monday I managed to go round all the work in the afternoon to measure up & settle the accounts. I had sel tracked back the black brick dwarf wall <in the pyramid> to where I found [€] an edge with loose sand against it, the and bricks in sand beyond: this was manifestly the outer N. face of the dwarf wall with the sand which had blown up against it while building the chamber, & which had not been cleared away when they built the pyramid over it all. I then measured off the chamber side to the dwarf wall where found before, & then allowed the same distance for the N. face of wall to N. end of chamber. Moving far the thickness of the wal I hesitated at going off so far from where I had found the chamber, over 30 ft distance, entirely on the dwarf wall hypothesis; but I risked it, & after two nights & a day we have hit the brick arch again, running another having run a little S. so as not to miss it, so now we are safe on the end of the chamber I think. Here is the plan [♠]

I give these details because perhaps some people may be interested to see how such a job is to be managed; the majority, who don't care for such matters, may skip all mention of tunnel & bricks.

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Having got a sight of the arch I set them to enlarging northwards to get the end wall, for I suspected there would be an end wall of brick outside of the stone. On going in a few hours later I found they were cutting straight into this end wall of brick as full & fair & as one could wish; the course (which can scarcely be discerned, being mud mortar between mud bricks) running horizontal and I could see the upright side of the wall distinctly [\mathbb{R}] Eversince I first wen guessed the meaning of the dwarf wall, every guess has been proved, & there has been no blind work, which is a thing I hate. I confess these details are sweet to me, for can anything be pleasanter than continually guessing the meaning of what you find & proceeding to prove it?

The best find today is a part of a short bilingual inscription in Greek & Demotic. There is a line of Demotic above, & then [♠] Ptolemaic age

There is also half of a Roman-age marble stone [♠]

Also four pretty little glass vessels the largest 4 ins high, nipped all round the body. <Afterwards the head of the mummy with pins in the hair, <u>much</u> embroideries &c of 350 AD by a coin with them>.

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and a quantity of fine coloured embroideries. A little before bed time a boy came down to fetch us, & we found they had got on the top of the stone wall of the end of the chamber. So now we go along the wall to the middle, & then -.

Soon after we found that the top of the wall rises, probably in steps as the slope of the roof rises; [\makebox] so we had to run to the north outside of the wall, & then go down. I am sorry to find that the wall is very thick, 8 or 10 ft, all one solid stone. We have been working for some days at a piece of mounds N.W. of the cemetery, & find it to be a village of probably Persian date; it may be early Ptolemaic, or late XXVI dyn. There are many little pots which remind me of the XXVIth deposits at Nebesheh: some pieces of hieratic papyri & sa inscribed saucers, & a vast number of little bags of sawdust tied up [\mathbb{R}]: a few are of aromatic resins. I can only guess that this was a village who lived on cemetery work, & on people who came to visit the cemetery, & that these were "scent satchels" for sale to visitors & mourners. This is a possibility, & I do not see any other. One room today contained a stone mould for making duck cakes; and a little wooden box, with lid, half full of beads &c. This is a

balable find, as this gives a number of varieties blue Eye bead, "Looli" beads in initation of gold globular work, brown blue forem glass, long ony x, satur spar, Attaurnal caruclian) all contemporaneous, Aprobably about the 10th cent B.C. Mrs a won green place scard and widerbly the south Sebah which is so often shewn; and theree brass rings, two with large square bezels. I thought we had finished the portraits, as we have exhausted all the good ground, Attent is only some in which they are very scattered. However a very good one was found; a middle ged man, fairly painted + in perfect condition, No 57. There gorback to be a making; but a slight touch of fever this weining makes me coreful. Strage to say here is a slight rain truight; heavyish clouds had come over before sunset. I few very rude terratten ushabte with red x White Mousing, we're found between the centery about the population, butterly were all atterly cleand away forstone, the ground heaped over afterwards with aublish from populie work, both Roman & Vassalis Next morning yourd that the stones in the pyramid go N. to beyond the line of the drawf wall; Itherefore suspect that they not the passay; as there is brickwork about side we are going down. If we get the passage side it will be comparationly them to cut. It raised in swart showers all night, + is spitting this morning.

valuable find, as this gives a number of varieties (blue eye bead, "looli" beads in imitation of gold globular work, brown, blue & green glass, long onyx, satin spar, & the usual carnelian), all contemporaneous, & probably about the IVth cent B.C. Also a worn green glaze scarab [**] evidently the double Sebak which is so often shewn; and three brass rings, two with large square bezels.

I thought we had finished the portraits, as we have exhausted all the good ground, & there is only some in which they are very scattered. However a very good one was found; a middle aged man, fairly painted & in perfect condition, No 57. I have got back to box making; but a slight touch of fever this evening makes me careful. Strange to say here is a slight rain tonight; heavyish clouds had come over before sunset. A few very rude terracotta ushabti with red & white colouring, were found between the cemetery & the pyramid. I think they are of XXth dynasty. No doubt there were numbers of early tombs about the pyramid, but they were all utterly cleared away for stone, & the ground heaped over afterwards with rubbish from pyramid work; both Roman & Vassallie's.

Next morning I found that the stones in the pyramid go N. to beyond the lines of the dwarf wall; I therefore <u>suspect</u> that they roof the passage; as there is brickwork at the side we are going down. If we get the passage side it will be comparatively thin to cut. It rained in smart showers all night, & is spitting this morning.

XVII.

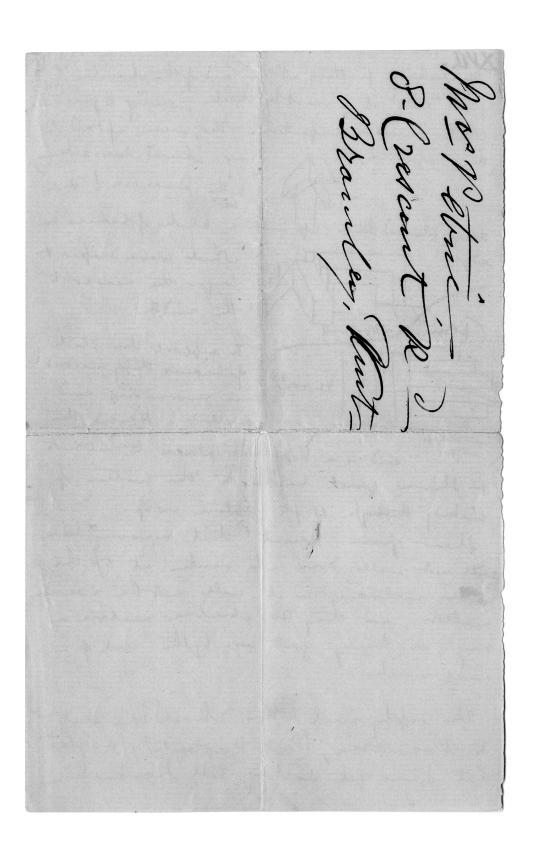
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On working further at the end of the chamber I find that it is vastly thick, owing to precautions which I never expected. They were afraid of the roof stones [%] being skewed over <u>sideways</u> by the pressure! & so they blocked them up with a bank of beams on edge [%] which were deeper & longer the nearer to the middle.

[*] To support this stack of beams they needed an enormous end wall. Hence the end is a hopeless place to cut into & I have gone back to the notion of sinking through 15 ft of stone roof.

I hear from Hewat that masons here will cut wells down into rock at 5/s the cubic metre, so it will not be a serious matter, and they do about a metre a day, so I <u>may</u> get in by the end of next week.

The reply mail to this should be sent to Alexandria, (Poste Restante); & after that I can get nothing till I come home



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15-22 April 1888 Wantes to W. Hewat, there got masons to contract to cut therough the roof of the payamid damber. They are tomake a pit III about 22×4 ft, + cut through at about 1/6 a fort fistance, + to cut of least a metre Each 24 hours under penalty Thalf frice. If they to 2 metres or more in 24 hrs they will have 1/- a metre 1. Extre. As Melieve the roof is about 4 or 5 metres thide, we ought to be through in less than as many says! There will be two men to earny It the clips. They are to begin on widnesday. I blupe Ling see this done before the date Iwant bleave here, about 30 April. Having found that the worth and fether mounds here was solely an the early Ploteman village (we found one coin), thaving cleared now all the cemetery ground which seems to be worth clearing, Litermined to cut some mounts lying somewhat If the rest, about 1/4 mile trotant in the desert. In far as Share gone these appear those been sephlelines ofthe crowdiles. There are quantities of dilps of fine stone from the buildings: these appear there stood the hollows in the rock Dist & probably seems covered the sepulational chamber, like the Example of an Apris mansolen

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Thanks to Mr Hewat, I have got masons to contract to cut through the roof of the pyramid chamber. They are to make a pit about 2½ x 4 ft, & cut through at about 1s/6 a foot distance, & to cut at least a metre each 24 hours under penalty of half price. If they do 2 metres or more in 24 hrs they will have 1/- a metre extra. As I believe the roof is about 4 or 5 metres thick, we ought to be through in less than as many days. There will be two men by day & two by night, & I am to provide boys to carry off the chips. They are to begin on Wednesday. So I hope I may see this done before the date I want to leave here, about 30 April.

Having found that the north end of the mounds here was solely an Pt early Ptolemaic village (we found one coin), & having cleared now all the cemetery ground which seems to be worth clearing, I determined to cut some mounds lying somewhat off the rest, about ¼ mile distant in the desert. So far as I have gone, these appear to have been sepulchres of the crocodiles. There are quantities of chips of fine stone from the buildings: these appear to have stood on <over> hollows in the rock which & probably surro covered the sepulchral chamber, like the example of an Apis mausoleum

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at Sakkara, [*] There are scarcely any scraps of hieroglyphs, only bits of a very large bee which shews the scale to have been striking.

Quantities of crocodiles are found; one boy turned out a dozen <infant ones> all neatly bound up, with red eyes & mouth painted on the cloth. <Also an egg.>

In the remains of a Ptolemaic tomb we turned out a stone which had been used for building, & which came from an early tomb, XIIth dynasty?. It bears a complete scene of a man seated "The hereditary noble, priest of Neit, prophet of Neit, Pa fui" ([]) with his son standing before him holding leading a calf, of which just the head comes in; "His son, his beloved, priest of Neit, prophet of Neit Ra en mat". So this cannot be before Usertezen III, as the son is called after him. I have broken away as much as I dare, & the piece is only about ½ out now, so quite moveable.

We have had fairly wet weather since the hot week until today. It is up to 92° in the shade, & a southerly wind in the afternoon; but happily went to N. in evening. A hot week would knock over all my plans for leaving, for I could not pack or wind up business. Sunday was a charming day for April in Egypt. The sun not too hot nor the wind too strong, but

and snough trouble about comfortably all day without overheating. cold in the head which Los who get clear of . Nature prompts to sitting down on lemonate. The amount of letrice acid in the day is serious; buckily I have Two orthogo were are still on the end of the muning ground, & they trend onta gorgeous one boday. It is carefully padded with outer wrops, so there not seen it all, but it I has a postral, with gill barber set with stones + pestes all round, onyxis, camilian the and the body seems the gift also. On spening it I found that the body was arread with gilt stuces with seaus in relief, but one side rotted. The portrail is an interesting too hink as it is in a modelled bust with arms + hands in relief, + Irapen roundit. It is therefore one of the Earlist portraits coming in on the gilt strees figure style. The work field around the head is gilt, unlike my other. bonesday morning the mesons came. Mayor Ross came a his way toundant, I we had very pleasant talk on the levels this torical possibilities of moeris, te. Mursbay, some

cool enough to walk about comfortably all day without overheating. This abominable cold in the head, which I do not get clear of, makes me very lazy; and if I get one box made & packed in a day <beside looking after the men,> I think I have done

well. Nature prompts to sitting down on all possible occasions, in the shade, & drinking lemonade. The amount of Citric acid I imbibe in the day is serious; luckily I have a good stock here.

Two or three men are still on the end of the mummy ground, & they turned out a gorgeous one today. It is carefully padded with outer wraps, so I have not seen it all; but it has a portrait, with gilt border set with stones & pastes all round, onyxes, carnelians, &c: and the body seems to be gilt also.

On opening it I found that the body was covered with gilt stucco with scenes in relief, but one side rotted. The portrait is an interesting lik link, as it is in a modelled bust with arms & hands in relief, & drapery round it. It is therefore one of the earliest portraits coming in on the gilt stucco figure style. The whole field around the head is gilt, unlike any other.

Wednesday morning two masons came. Major Ross came on his way to Medinet, & we had a very pleasant talk on the levels & historical possibilities of Moeris, &c. Thursday, some

10 (114) labourers came with tooks, they worm the contractor to skilled stone cutter. Hovener after typing the worke, he made verious dejections & difficulties then backed out of it. So the wetnester - who is a pleasant citilized man - promised blowing over tomorrow a fint-out more from author place. But Hear the matter books lengthering out fearfully. Here will be 4 days dean gone, I my leaving must be post poured indefinitely willess) leave the pyramil alone the for six months, I should have done to at once so for as have concerned; but unisterny the Jeelings of some Any friends Limited to try to finish it work. This absorbing bad cold continues; I can hardly I may packing. By the time Ihave stood out for a couple of hours, over the main, Sam fayfed out team only sit or sleep in shelter. There is beautiful weather, will N. wind trome cloud? , but I cannot Enjoy it atale. Iwant topt on to high diet + sheltered sleeping throng in a house, before Ishall be night again, I fear. This has laster now about three weeks. Next day - Fonday - no contractor or merson appeared at all ; and the three unhappy (abourers left here toad not broken out halfa cubic

masons labourers came with tools, & by noon the contractor & a skilled stone cutter. However after trying the work, he made various objections & difficulties & then backed out of it. So the contractor – who is a pleasant civilized man - promised to bring over tomorrow a first-rate man from another place. But I fear the matter looks lengthening out fearfully. Here will be 4 days clean gone, & my leaving must be postponed indefinitely unless I leave the pyramid alone late for six months. I should have done so at once so far as I am concerned; but considering the feelings of some of my friends I wished to try to finish it now. This absorbing bad cold continues; I can hardly do any packing. By the time I have stood out for a couple of hours, over the men, I am fagged out & can only sit or sleep in shelter. There is beautiful weather, cold N. winds & some clouds, but I cannot enjoy it at all. I want to get on to high diet & sheltered sleeping & living in a house, before I shall be right again, I fear. This has lasted now about three weeks.

Next day – Friday – no contractor or mason appeared at all; and the three unhappy labourers left here had not broken out half a cubic

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foot to <of> stuff, being quite inexperienced, & having no notion of how to tackle the job. So after great dubitations I decided that I must leave the opening until my return in six months hence. I suspect it would be a fortnight or perhaps month's work to a skilled man, if we can get him; and all that time would be waste to me in waiting. I have finished all that I think worth doing in this cemetery, & I could not go & begin at Illahun, as I should as/<do> if starting a fresh season. So in November I hope to go & settle at Illahun, & contract for this work to be done here, visiting it occasionally. There are only two critical times when one need be present, - the breaking through of the second layer of roofing (if there is not a third) or the breaking through the third. So it is a safe job to inspect two or three times a week, walking over 1½ hrs from Illahun. When a hole is made no one could get down some 20 feet or so into the chamber without a rope ladder. So it is not a thing that need be watched every five minutes like on/<a> digging.

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So my present programme is to pack up & be in Cairo by the end of next week, & be on board ship I hope by the end of the following week, reaching home about 21 May. And now my friends, don't abuse me too heartily for deserting a pyramid in an interesting condition, & exchanging May work for November. Wait till you have had a week at 109°.

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All the beginning of the week I was packing, & boxing up the great sarcophagus. I then took a day & a half to the survey, during which D^r Piehl came over. At last three camels in the morning & four in the afternoon took in all my cases to Medinet. Muhammed & I buried all the spare timber, and surplus stones, in one of the trenches. The pyramid tunnel is walled up, & a bank of earth about 10 or 12 ft thick is laid over its mouth. A skilled mason came over to see it before we closed it, & was not at all aghast, but quite willing to undertake the job whenever I may wish. At Medineh I met Copious (as Hewat calls <u>Cope</u> Whiteh<u>ouse</u>) & a young engineer going out for some levellings. We shared a room that night. Copious does not at all like my proving a central chamber to Hawara; but of course he is beyond all reason, as is recognised by every one – official & otherwise – that I have seen.

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The weather has been astonishing, like the midst of winter. Two heavy storms have fallen on Cairo; the streets all flooded, some a foot deep.

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one left which could compare with the best half dozen of those. He professed, & perhaps really flattered himself, that he was acting liberally in taking less than a third of all; but I should say his dozen are worth more than all that are left. I shall get my change out of this so far as possible by getting paragraphs in the papers here saying that the Museum has been so greatly enriched by the selection of the finest portraits from my diggings, & how much benefit they get from allowing me to work. This will all be useful for the future. He also had the sarcophagus, & took the whole of the duplicate series of the finest embroideries; doubtless Brugsch will bag a lot of these on the sly. The only point where I have the best of it is the Iliad papyrus. All the other papyri are also remitted, subject to letting. G. makesic {makes} a selection from the catalogue when we have worked them out. G. took all the varieties of glass vessels, <u>leaving</u> the cut glass vase.

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G. has also picked out every good thing I have purchased if it was wanted, even down to scarabs. However he only took one of the inscribed stones <from Hawara> that of Amenemhat III, & he offered me in exchange one of the best fragments from Tel el Amarna, with cartouches of Khuenaten finely cut in red granite. I am to have photographs of all the portraits selected, on ¼ scale which is what I have decided on for publication. This will get 6 in a page, & so 3 or 4 pages will suffice to autotype all the best for my publication.

On the whole one must always feel miserable over parting with fine things; but in view of permanent policy it is as well for me that I can say how much I have benefitted the Bulak Museum. I want to create the notion that it is more profitable for the gov^t to work a place through me than to do it themselves, so that in time I may be let in to any place I like.

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There is a very pleasant D^r King staying here, with some/<D^r G.>, now; he is an old college friend of D^r Grant's from Aberdeen, though <but> they have not met for twenty years. He is Director of the Calcutta Botanical Garden.

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I omitted today that Grebaut was most desirous of being polite & agreeable, though circumstances of his being called out to cabinet councils on two days was a complete block to business. When we did get to work he gave as little trouble as possible, & asked me in to lunch, so as to save any <the> time of going back to Cairo. He also went into the museum after hours to point out things to me, & to talk over how to find room for the new mummies <&c>. I settled definitely with him that he is not going to Europe this year, & that he will be in Cairo when I come out in Nov¹ & will give a similar order for next season. He quite understands that I am to take up Illahun & the XVIII dyn town near it. So everything is fixed in order, & it will take only an hour or two to get any papers & go on to work. I finished packing at Bulak on Tuesday, & the boxes went to the station on Wednesday. Brugsch tried to get me to exchange <u>a</u> portrait for some very fine historical scarabs" of his. But as his scarabs & his

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I went down to Bubastis for a couple of hours one afternoon, & saw the ruins. They are not nearly cleared out yet. There is a good season's work I should say in turning & clearing them all. There is also a good deal of other ground which should be examined. The throwing away of the inscribed fragments, & loss of small antiquities by not paying for them, I have written about to Miss Edwards. Some of the most important pieces I could not see, as they were packed.

D^r Grant & I dined at Dean Butcher's one evening with Sir Colin, his nieces & a M^{IS} Kempe Welsh who has been out here,

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I went & saw Gen¹ Grenfell's collection. He has some very good things; & though he has a go considerable amount, yet the quality is more striking then the quantity. He came afterwards to see D^r Grant's, (his first visit there) & I had a long talk with him about things. He is very friendly, & quite coincides with my remarks on the policy & prospects of the antiquity department.

At Alexandria (where I arrived on Thursday) I went to Moss & found the Thebes not going till the 15th, or possibly 16th, so I cannot be home till 30th or 31st. I called on Cookson, & made the acquaintance of Willmore the Vice Consul to whom I had an introduction, & who went out to the catacombs, &c, with me in the aftⁿ. He was much interested in dating the pottery, & marked a number of pieces for reference. I went out to Ramleh to see M^r Grant, the Abukir reclaimer. He was out, but

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