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> Arabah el Madfunah. Dec 13^{th} 1930.

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The first two days after our return we spent putting our house in order, we have made a really splendid book case out of a packing case, it is all neatly lined with brown paper & is really a handsome piece of furniture, I have made a stationary case to hang on the wall for our special paper, post cards, telegraph forms etc.

I have also fixed a hanging wardrobe in my room & found some of my Woolworth purchases very useful.

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the sa/<te>mple was used a lot in Early Christian times as a dwelling & their cooking fires did a lot of damage to the walls, we have got quite a lot of the outer coating of smoke & dirt off by washing carefully with soft sponges & clean water, we keep two men busy constantly washing the sponges for us. To morrow we hope to finish cleaning the scenes we have to reproduce in colour.

All our people here were pleased to see us & gave us a splendid welcome, we have had endless callers, the Coptic priest, the Omdah, the Sheikh el Gaffir, Sheikh Abdu Wahid etc have all been to pay their respects, our dog looks fat & well he is now promoted to a collar & is the envy of all the dogs in Arabah el Madfunah he was so pleased to see us again.

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I forgot to tell you that old Ahmed made most anxious enquiries after the health of both my parents & offered many thanks to Allah when I said you were well.

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This is all my news for the present, lots of love to you both & mind you get well quickly

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle

Have received L.H.J & two papers thanks.