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Anabah el Madfunat. Du 15º 1936.

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One of Amices<sup>sic</sup> guests arrived this morning a lady doctor. she goes round inspecting the girls<sup>sic</sup> schools, such a nice interesting woman, we are enjoying her visit very much

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I had a note from M<sup>rs</sup> Brunton she says she has sent Father an Arabic wooden puzzle I shall be very eager to hear all about it. The bundle of Humorists arrived & are very welcome Amice always refers to them as Pa's vulgar paper

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feeling in England, both Amice & I are very relieved that the nation would not accept a Queen who was not above reproach, but feel very sad that such a scandal should be the cause of England look/<s>ing loosing such a beloved & able King The English people in Cairo have felt it very keenly.

I had to leave my letter writing until bed time to-day, as it is difficult to write when we have guests, so I am afraid this is rather a scrappy letter but anyway it is full of good wishes for a Happy Xmas. Please wish Pat the best of everything for the season from me, & Amice of course joins in with Xmas Greetings to you all,

Lots of love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.

Happy Xmas to May also –