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Feb 10th

The Luxor party set off this morning, leaving us once more in possession. As usual on spare days we spent the morning marking pots and bones, and in the afternoon went for a walk into the desert through the Arab cemetery. We spent some time looking at the Arab graves, which are quite interesting. They are mud for the most part, whitewashed over and then painted in fantastic patterns. The main idea seems to be a kind of blanket with hanging tassels while the ends of the

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Feb 11th

There was a tremendous row p/<o>utside my room last night just after I went to bed: a hyœna came prowling about and the dogs got on to him. They had a big fight but eventually he managed to get away. We took the opportunity to do a big days surveying today. We started early and went together as far as the old house, where MacIver's work begins. I dropped him there and went on to my old site, where I had about three quarters of a mile to finish. In the evening I picked up MacIver again at Sheikh Ali, and we

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Feb 12th

There are some early rock tombs on the other side of the river, so this morning MacIver and I started out to try and find them. We walked down to Hou. ferried across, and then enquired our way to a certain village which is given in Baedeker as the nearest to the tombs. Arrived here we asked for the tombs, but apparently noone had ever heard of them. At last we met a man who told us they were two hours away in the hills. So we trudged on again and arrived at the foot somewhere about midday. No tombs appeared, so we gave them up and determined to have a day among the hills instead. We lunched in a most magnificent gorge, shut in

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Feb 13th

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Feb 14th

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Feb 15th

A thoroughly slack day today. I had hardly any tomb clearing to do so I took out my Italian grammar and had a pull at that. Tomorrow I must

move on again. I had another writ today from two of the Coptie priests. They are very anxious indeed to marry me. They which I am quite old mough to have a wife, and don't understand why I don't set about getting one, I told dem wires were expanse and I had not enough noring. I think they also want to Jeb. 160 I could not move my win on today after all . I found when I got over so be work that they had all got onto deep fits , hothing has come from them so for, but still I can't go away and leave them unfinished. The great man seems to have some to an and of his thend, and over of going of

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Feb 16th

I could'nt move my men on today after all. I found when I got over to the work that they had all got onto deep pits. Nothing has come from them so far, but still I cant go away and leave them unfinished. The great man seems to have come to an end of his ground, and talks of going off on his exploring trip and leaving MacIver and me to finish up the digging. In about three weeks I expect he will take his departure altogether; so that I shall

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I moved on to the new cemetery today but found the same old story, a fine cemetery completely plundered out by dealers. A man who came by told us there was nothing there, but beyond a village two miles further on there was a splendid place. I'm getting a bit tired of that story, and shant go on any further. As one of the men remarked today, soon we shall start out to work in the morning, reach the cemetery about noon, have lunch, and then come back again.

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Feb 19th

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The great man went down to Hou this afternoon to have a rake round the town, and found what he considers to be the site of the town temple, XVIII dynasty.
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it. If only we could get one or two big things from there we should have had a very satisfactory season's work. We have got plenty of small objects from the various cemeteries, and want one or two big things to stuff the Ghizeh Museum with. We have been having some glorious funerals by here lately. Their funeral chants are really quite fine, like old Gregorian chants; a great contrast to their ordinary song tunes. Our work is pretty well scattered just at present: MacIver goes out four miles in one direction, & I four in the other. He takes the house in the morning, and I in the evening. However we both hope to finish the outlying parts this week, and come back to the work near the house.

Feb. 20th

I had my lunch in style today, under a lebbek tree, by the side of a small pool; delightfully cool and shady: quite a jolly little picnic all to myself. I think the children of the villages I pass through on the way to my work are beginning to know me: instead of shouting 'backsheesh, ya khawageh', they now call after me 'ya khawageh bankrupt'. It is curious that of all the animals one meets in Egypt, far and away the most timid is the buffalo. They run away from anything and are driven about and ridden by the most diminutive children. MacIver has a crusade on against children who call out 'backsheesh'. He chases them and when he can catch them, which is'nt often, he whacks them. He has broken his measuring stick over one, and the other day his zeal led him into a bog.

Feb 21st

I finished up my outwork today with a regular pickround all over the

place, but all to no effect. So tomorrow I shall go back to my old cemetery. A dreadful day it was on the work today, a thick sandstorm blowing all the time. I eat my lunch under difficulties, consuming quite as much dust as anything else. In the evening I had a fine gallop home on the gee.

Feb 22nd

A regular change today. I had nearly fifty men on, half of them on shallow graves. I cleared 24 skeletons with my own hands, and there still remain some five or six which I had'nt time to do. I had the extra men thrown on my hands owing to a breakdown on the work at Hou. Petrie took off 24 men and planted them down on the temple site there. After a while up came one of the chief men of the village in a great way and declared that the ground belonged to him; that he had bought

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Feb 23rd

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work it at the beginning of next season. My men completely overran me today: I must try and get them on to deeper pits tomorrow.

Feb 24th

I got one or two quite nice things today. One was a carnelian amulet with a gold Hathor head above: quite a pretty little piece of jewellery. I also got a scarab with the name of the daughter of Aahmes I of the XVIII dynasty. Also, rather a nice green jasper inscribed scarab. I had also a very interesting burial. There was one burial in ordinary position, and below him were two more skeletons in a crouching position, the regular New Race style of burial. I think they must have been his servants or slaves buried with him to look after him in the next world; whether put to death for that purpose or not I dont know. It looks rather like it.

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my turn.

Feb. 26th

Market day. I had a collection of some thirty or forty skeletons to mark, so had a jolly time over them in the morning. After lunch MacIver and I strolled over to Nagh Hamadi to get our hair cut, which badly needed it, as we had neither of us had it done for two or three months. Quite a stylish cut we got too, in a native shop. Nagh Hamadi is quite a large place, with several sugar factories, and full of Greeks.

Petrie departs on Thursday for five or six days exploring up & down the country. Then he will come back for a day or two before starting off for good. So that I am sorry to say we shall only have two or three more weeks digging, which seems very sad.

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Feb 28th

I spent a good part of the day very happily picking up the most beautiful amethyst and garnet beads I have ever seen: about five pounds worth altogether I got from one tomb. Also three bronze mirrors, two good alabaster vases, some scarabs, and a quantity of smaller stuff. A very good haul for one day. Things vary so. One day one gets nothing worth having, and another all sorts of good things. I suppose I ought to get more now, however, as I have some fifty men on now. MacIver is finishing out his cemetery now, and is going to bring his men on to join mine in a day or two, so that we shall have a week or so's work on it together, which will be rather jolly.

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They made a great start this morning, with two camels and three donkeys. They also tuck/<ake> eight pots of jam, so they wont starve. Miss Orme and Miss Lawes are manfully battling with the marking of bones and drawing of pots respectively. I hope they will get through with them, for anything left undone or unfinished at the end of the season devolves upon me. If I can get squared up with survey and everything by the time the boxes start down the season, I think I shall move on to Hieroconpolis and spend the ten days they will take sailing down there

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March 3rd

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Just before lunch I saw a gentleman and lady wriding up on donkeys, so I went up to meet them. He introduced himself as a M^r Crewdson of Chicago(*) who was travelling in Egypt taking

[(*)Charles N. Crewdson, corresponding secretary of the Chicago Society of Egyptian Research.]

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March 5th

Market day. Finishing up things about the house most of the day. Towards sunset L Miss Lawes and I went for a stroll into the desert. The men are having a great 'fantasia' tonight; that is to say they stand in two lines facing each other, and sway their bodies about, bending forward and all saying 'Allah'. Gradually they work

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MacIver and I are going to turn all the men on to them tomorrow, and have a good go at them.

Febsic (March) 7th

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The ordinary way is for men to fill the baskets at the bottom, and then for boys to carry them up on their heads; but if the sides are soft sand they displace quite as much on their way up as they carry out. By this method you could have five or six ropes on the pole, and so six could work at once.

March 9th

I see yesterday was Feb 8th, but whats a month more or less. I am pleased to find that my suspicions about my shallow tombs are[?]/were quite correct. They are very interesting and important and may keep me here for another months work. The pottery from them is most queer: there is a good deal of XII, and also several quite new shapes. The graves too are queer and unEgyptian, while the skulls shew a very marked type, large-eyed, receding foreheads and very prognathous. The women wore most extraordinary erections on their heads, their hair being pl done up in hundreds of tiny plaits. Yet plenty of Egyptian things are found in their graves, such as beads pots, alabasters etc; and today I got a small statuett de/<statueettesic> dedicated to one Sebekhotep. The people must evidently have mixed and intermarried with the Egyptians a good deal.

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March 10th

A day of leave-taking and final directions, and now I am left to finish up generally and get the boxes to England. As Petrie remarked there is plenty to be done. I have got to survey the cemeteries here,

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I want, in reason. That is a great relief, as I badly want to work that cemetery a bit more and see what I can make of it. Miss Lawes and Miss Orme start on Saturday morning.

March 11th

A day of great excitement. Ali came in shortly after lunch, bringing a most beautiful dagger, with a crescent shaped ivory hand[l]e on, decorated with silver rosettes, in its way the finest thing we have found this year. One side was covered by its cloth wrapping, and this we were going to leave in its place, when suddenly it struck me that it might possibly be inscribed on the cloth side. So I removed the cloth, and you can imagine our delight when I saw a cartouche, very faint but still legible. After about an hour's puzzling we made it/<the name> out, and then proceeded to look up the lists of kings to try and find it. He was'nt

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March 12th

Miss Lawes and Miss Orme departed this afternoon, taking the precious dagger with them. We made them promise not to trust it out of their sight until they had handed it up to Petrie. I got a very interesting little statuette today, A woman, seated, and curling the hair of a small girl who is sitting on her knee. The expression

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March 17th

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piece by piece, fit it together on a sheet of glass, and then pour fresh plaster over the back: rather a fiddling job, as the least slip spoils the whole piece you are doing. A regular sharp burst of heat we are having: the glass touched ninety two in the shade this afternoon, which is'nt bad for the beginning/<middle> of March.

March 18th

We have been suffering from an excess of weather today. In the morning the burst of hot weather we have been indulging in came to a climax in a thunderstorm, accompanied by real rain. I dont know what the country is coming to: we have had rain twice within three months. Then in the afternoon, just to level things up, we were treated to a blinding sandstorm. We lost the sun at about two o'clock, and he has'nt

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The plague of ladybirds is extraordinary. There was a skull on the work today literally covered with them: I counted over a hundred on just over a square inch. The men say they sting, and I believe they're right. Another scarab with a cartouche today, and another debateable king settled I hope. How can one stop work when one gets a king's name every other day? At this rate I shall be here all the summer. Every morning after breakfast now I take a couple of hours' work at my wall. By the time it is finished I shall be a fully qualified worker in mosaic.

March 23 & 24th

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March 25th-28th

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March 29th

In spite of all I slept very well last night: nor did the wall fall in on me, as I half feared. You had better not post any more letters here after this week, as I am not quite sure where I shall be. Send the next

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to the Hotel du Nil, as I shall go there first when I get to Cairo. It is quite exciting getting so near the end. I am looking forward very much to my visit to Green while the boats are going down; and then in Cairo I shall see a good deal of the Quibells I hope, which will be very jolly.

March 30th

It is a melancholy thing, but I cant think a remember a single thing that I have done today. Oh yes I can, I marked box No. 135. I calculate that we shall run to about 200 altogether. There is a great quarrel going on in the men's hut next door, and the expressions 'Pray to the prophet' and 'thirty piastres' are being hurled in all directions. It is a funny thing that Arabs can never talk of anything but

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March 31st

If we go on working much longer I dont know what will become of me. I am in absolute rags already.

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Native clothes will be the only way out of the difficulty, so dont be surprised if I return home in a gelabiya and turban. Keeping accounts is driving me off my head. The whole day long I am paying out small sums for various things, and its impossible to book them all on the spot. Our horse has become a regular white elephant to us. We have no use for him now, and he eats his head off, nor strange to say can we find anyone anxious to buy a spirited thoroughbred, cost price five pounds but would take less, great bargain.

April 1st

Have just paid the men their week's money: not a very serious matter now we have so few.

Work is running out fast now. Unless anything unexpected happens we shall

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easily finish up by the end of next week. That would clear me here somewhere near the end of the following week. It is very jolly having work running on while one is packing: one does'nt feel bound to rush everything through as quickly as one can.

Perfectly absurd weather we have been having this week: the glass has'nt touched 80 for about four days. Next week I expect we shall pay for it.

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