Arabah el Madfunah.

Nov 5th 1929.

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We had told the people here that Nov 5th was one of the English festivals which was celebrated by lighting big bonfires. So y/ey all got busy during the afternoon & collected all the rubbish from the packing cases. & all the old straw & shavings that were lying around. & after supper we had the Father of Bonfires. & the men all danced round & threw stones in it to make the sparks fly up. it was fun.

Nov 6th

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Nov 7th

Old Ahmud brought his shorn sheep to the temple for us to see this morning. he had made her a jacket out of an old sack. she had the sweetest little lamb with her it was jet black with a tiny white tuft to its tail. there was also a red sheep with all its wool on, it will not be sheared until its lamb is born in a month's time, these sheep are quite tame & all sleep together in the house

I am busy drawing in the Isis chapel of the temple it is about the size of our house & there are 5 of these chapels to be done as well as a courtyard & many pillars & various passages with small rooms leading off them. so we have enough to keep us busy.

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Nov 8/<9><u>th</u>

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all home news seems doubly interesting when one is so for away, latso like to hear your comments on my Experiences, so you may be sure I read your letters many Times, I do not know of anything I would like specially for Xmas, the parcel post here is very bad so lets wait+celehate on my noturn, we'll have a festival on Medsummus bay instead. Later on these may be a few little odd ments like hair nets or hanking that I might be glad of , but only things that can come letter post. Movion Ahmud Ibrahim, a village elder called this evening, he came to Tell us that the Lan to which we were invited cannot be held, because the lady, for whose benefit the ceremony was amanged is in a worse condition, it is not are possessing spirit that has entired into hee, but a wicked Jinn, in other words, she is quite mad, when she gots excited she throws things about swhen Told of her hothers death she burst out laughing; troby men au now reading the Koran over her.

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I do not know of anything I would like specially for Xmas, the parcel post here is very bad so lets wait & celebrate on my return, we'll have a festival on Midsummers Day instead.

Later on there may be a few little oddments like hair nets or hankies that I might be glad of, but only things that can come letter post.

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Lots of love your affectionate daughter Myrtle.