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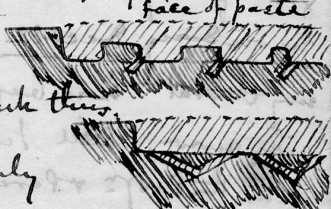
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On the way we found the foot way & iron sheeting of the railway
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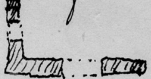
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



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Sunday 22 Jan

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






























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Tuesday Jan 31

In morning Myers & Wiedemann came in & looked over photos which they liked. Then W. Took me to see Todros the German <consular> agent here, who deals in antikas; he had a lot of Alexandrian Roman Potin at 1/- each, so I picked out a selection of them. One lot I recognized as having been brought to the dahabiyeh one night here. Then after lunch I went out & took some photos of market people [📷, 📷, 📷, 📷, 📷, 📷, 📷, 📷], but their habit of crowding up to the camera & so getting out of focus is very troublesome. Then I joined Myers, & went with him to Karnak, chaffering over antikas all the way with people we met. He shewed me several special points at K. to photograph, & I took some plates [📷, 📷, 📷, 📷, 📷], & must go again at noon some day. Then back by sunset [📷]. After dinner I went over to Cooks steamer just arrived & saw, M^{rs} Fawcett & her dau^{rs}; had a chat with them on antiquities large & small, genuine & fake. Then back & developing plates, wrote this & to bed,

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 other side. First I shewed them the sculptures on the Ramesseum,
 & also saw some of them myself for the first time. Then
 on to the valley of the recent find, & then over into Deir el
 Bahari. Here I looked up some rough tombs, & soon some
 of my old friends with antikas came up. After a haggie I got
 3 fine strings of beads & 22 inscribed images, mainly of the tomb of a
 son of Hiset probably the dau^{er} of Ramses VII. I forgot to say I got
 11 strings of beads & 3 images on the way, (N.B. a string is about
 100 or 120) this makes about 20,000 or more beads. I am getting
 these mainly as a little investment, as I shall thus be able to
 get the pick of a large lot, & I know they are worth something
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
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By	NE	SW	Nouet	Jomard	Le Pere	C.P.S.	Vyse
	5425.6	5417.9	5423	5419	5404	5381	5409
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