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Thanks to M<sup>rs</sup> K for her amusing account of the moving; & to P. for the various full & careful letters which I have studied with much interest, but which I cannot now enter on at length. As to excavations I think I have done now nearly all that is worthwhile, for expense in  $\Delta^2$  and  $\Delta^3$  & for danger in shafts of  $\Delta^1$ . The pavement edge I am not hot about, as it clearly varies on different sides \_² The rock cut edge is all rough & sloping [♠] in general \_3 we have two opposite corners already & cannot find the NW at all, certainly not in line of diagonal.

I just scribbled this off, last thing Saty night, as Hassan will go back with D<sup>I</sup> G. tomorrow probably, & post letters in time thus for Monday's mail.

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Prof. Sayce knows Gladstone (but is not a Lib. as he says the Eastern question <u>cured</u> him completely), & was breakfasting with G. on the morning when the treaty of Cyprus came out. "Ah"! said G. "thats done to because I gave up the Ionian Isles" He is eaten up with self conceit, & thinks that every one is thinking of him, was Sayce's observation.

The Prof<sup>E</sup> is delightful company, & I am gleaning much information, as to sundry people & affairs in London; mainly from his talks with M<sup>E</sup> Loftie I see more of M<sup>E</sup> L. now, & can best describe her as an animated & rather brilliant edition of Eliza Harvey in appearance when she talks.

12. Memphis

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## Sunday Dec 11

With a fine north breeze we left Bedrashen & ran up the river. I was queer, & got up such a fever, <that> in aft<sup>n</sup> I had to go & sleep; I stirred up to dinner, but went to bed immediately after. We got up as far as Wasta. I was 102° at night. <This is aqua fever.>

# Monday Dec 12.

Down to 99° ½. Got up as usual, but my throat has begun to be sore & swollen on the other side now. Still I could not resist Meydûm, so went off with the Prof<sup>1</sup> & Percival; M<sup>1</sup> L & Cap<sup>t</sup> Meller walking round by another way. We found that the door of the  $\Delta$  had been found, & the passage was being cleared. There was no flap door to this  $\Delta$ ; the passage is unlike all others, high & narrow, & is perfect out to the casing which is quite uninjured. I think a block was held in place by wedging in at the 2<sup>nd</sup> course of it [♠]. Maspero has not vet come, & the reis would not even let me measure the [\mathbb{R}] door. I found enough casing around the  $\Delta$  to prove that it was <u>all</u> in steps like Sakkara, i.e. not <[♠] as usually drawn, but  $\Re$  as I could see on B the levels of the <2> next steps, & at A the faces of the steps themselves; for it was all built in coats each step face running far down into the masonry thus [\mathbb{R}]. I cannot imagine how to measure the heights between the steps, as we cannot anyhow get up the smooth casing of the sides. I suppose it must be all by triangulation & altitudes. Then we went to the tombs. They are older than great  $\Delta$ , & in a different style to anything

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at Gizeh; though the Prof¹ quite agreed as to their being just like the little tablets I shewed him at Abusir. The figures are all cut deep in the stone, & filled in with coloured pastes; the way of holding the paste on was by ribs of stone, leaving little sunk squares, & then drill holes made sloping for the paste to be squeezed in. Sometimes thus [♣ face of paste] or else only drill holes on a flat surface sunk thus. [♣] These tombs are all built of brick, & only the doorways of stone. They are in marvellous preservation; but some brutal Arabs have smashed the greater part of one doorway. After lunch we rode back. This was only exploratory & I was not encumbered with any apparatus. Down to 99° at night.

**Tuesday Dec 13** 

Same 99°. Throat still bad. After breakfast strolling about all the morning & reading; then after dinner over with Prof<sup>r</sup>, Percival, & Loftie to other side <Nile> to villages there. I went ahead, L. & S. stopped after a mile or two, but P. & I went on to village of Broombel. There on enquiry I found a stone altar, 7 ft square or so, all under water but one edge which I photo<sup>d</sup> [ also another <stone> partly dug out of ground, on which they said there was an inscrip<sup>n</sup> below. We raked over very large heaps of broken pottery of early X<sup>n</sup> date, bringing back a quantity painted. Then returned & got in by sunset. We were never asked for anything there & a man who helped us over the bridge, (which consisted of two logs thus [ ] with ends under the water) & guided us to the stones never followed us up

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for anything; so I went back a little to him, gave him a piastre, & told him he was a good man.

Wednesday 14 Dec<sup>r</sup>

Off after breakfast with S. L. & P. the usual party, & Capt. Meller, along the railway leading to the Faium. We went about 6 miles up to the hills, but then saw that at least 5 miles more was necessary to reach the watershed & see the Faium. So we sat down to lunch. On the way we found the foot way & iron sheeting of the railway bridge taken up for 6 ft or so: we walked over on the girders, but the donkeys refused. So two of them were got over by covering their heads, & lifting on foot at a time setting it down in advance of the other. The two others were taken on a man's back & carried over saddles & all. After lunch we made a detour & came back along a long winding causeway, banked up with a buttressed wall on each side (probably Saracenin); the bank having often been broken, & mended in a curve, besides <its> original serpentine form; so that the progress Eastward, mainly consisted in walking North & South. We got back again by sunset.

Thursday 15 Dec

Off by 10 to the  $\Delta$  of Medûm again.;

S. P. & self. Got there by noon. I took some plates of the S. side of Δ &c, [②, ②, ②, ②] & then walked to entrance to do that. But up came the reis of the excavators "No, Non, M'sieur ", protesting that I must not do anything till Maspero came. So I told him I had a letter from M. & produced my Gizeh firman: unluckily he could read & so spelt it through & informed me that it was no good for Medûm. So I had to submit. It is very provoking that M. has not come while we are here; he expected to come weeks ago, but his boats engine is disabled, & the repairers

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13. Wasta-

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Friday 16 Dec<sup>1</sup>

As Maspero had not come, & we did not know how long he might be in getting his machinery ready, we determined to leave Medûm, so we were all day tracking up the stream getting about 6 miles, & at last anchoring just under the <W.> bank at dark [ , , , , , , , , ].

Saturday 17 Dec<sup>r</sup>

The wind was still against us, & the stream so strong just beyond a point under which we lay, that we had to stop, & whistle for a breeze. [ , , , , , , ] There was nothing to see but two little villages of no interest whatsoever; & photographing some of the inhabitants was the only amusement of Ellis & myself [ , , , , ].

Sunday 18 Dec

The reis thought we might pull out, & get on a little, so started in a helpless way; & soon the dahabieh was pirouetting round & round, as soon as it was half-caught by the stream; consequences were a jam on the bank, stern spar was wrenched off, bread lockers splintered up, & railing slivered; also rudder caught by tow rope & wrenched off rudder post. Result of all this that we succeeded in getting back exactly where we were before, & the men were all day busy mending the rudder, &c. Just at lunch a steamer passed, & we heard that it was Maspero's, & that he was running up to Thebes to see after fresh discoveries there. So we were much disappointed at having tried to leave Wasta, as if there we should have seen Maspero, & perhaps gone to Medûm with him. The report says however that he has left Cairo direct without any stoppages to reach Thebes as soon as possible.

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Monday 19 Dec

Still wind against us, but a slight puff rom the north sent us up a mile or two. Nothing could be done all day unhappily. <Heavy rain at night, coming into all the cabins.>

Tuesday 20 Dec

Still bad wind; we went ashore but found no trace of antiquities, only large extent of modern surface quarries. In the afternoon a little wind a beam carried us on a trifle, & we towed some way.

Wednesday 21 Dec

Still Southwind, & too strong to tow against it. So we ran ashore but nothing but modern quarrying to be seen. The mountains are a long way back from the river, & for 10 or 15 miles <from the shore> the ground is flat limestone covered with debris which are soft & yielding enough to make walking tiring. In the afternoon I walked about 10 miles in a wilderness where <there was> scarcely a single scrap of vegetation could <to> be found, & not a bird or beast visible.

This is not cheering to be thus for 6 days absolutely idle, & not even advancing towards ones work. Everyday there are suppositions that the wind is going to change because of this or that sign, but all in vain. Dahabiyeh life makes one so fearfully lazy, that I can hardly do anything on board; but I managed to epitomise Chabas' paper on the Egyptian metals.

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Went a little way on to a El Heibî on the E. bank. Here we landed, after breakfast, & got two hours run over the place. There is a huge wall some 30 ft high, & 20 thick of crude bricks <(photo<sup>d</sup>)> [ enclosing a considerable space, following the edge of the cliff on the river side. Outside it is a square enclosure of brick <(photo<sup>d</sup>)> [ around tomb caverns, which I examined; finding bits of wood with two hieratic inscrip<sup>s</sup>, arms of a wooden statue &c. In the great enclosure there is a brick building with an arch<sup>d</sup> doorway (photo $\underline{d}$ ) [ $\underline{\bullet}$ ] then I saw  $\underline{m}$  a lot of stamped bricks which the rest of the party had found, these we arranged in a group & photo<sup>d</sup> [ ]. Then I went to a tomb cavern stuffed with sarcophagi, <the faces of> most of them were only roughed out, but some were carved: the others rest of us had gone on after just looking at it, but I went in to the end & got into a lower chamber, with 15 unopened sarcophi. I counted in all 34 unopened sarcaoph<sup>1</sup> in the place. There were no inscrip<sup>2</sup> & I do not think there would be much in them; but still they would be worth looking into. The whole place is probably late as the bricks are of Pinotem 21st Dyny; & much of the pottery looks Greek & Roman. We all got back by 11 ½ & set sail again. After lunch we stopped at Gebel Shekh Embarak, but on the opposite <W> bank. Here most of the party went over to the rail sta to & no one would go to the site of a town on the E bank, so I went with two rowers. Here I found a large Roman site of late date; three large square towers about 22 ft outside, of crude brick; the best I planned & photo<sup>d</sup> [ and all around the place were a mi host of chipped flints mixed with Roman pottery. I picked up over a hundred, & might have brought thousands: I did not go after all to the main place, which might perhaps not be ancient at

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all, only Arab, at least I hope so as I had no time. The dahabiyh had run upstream a little, & the men had a hard row to reach it, all were ready & we sailed off immediately. I was only two hours altogether away. Then I developed the plates before dinner, & all came out well. This is the first day for over a fortnight, on which <ever> since I came on board, on which my throat has been well, & I have been able to do with one coat; although it is not cold ranging from 55° to 70°.

Sunday 25 Dec

A head wind again, & we only tracked on a little, being all day off the dullest of sandbanks. The dragoman provided a heavy dinner in the evening, with some marvellous cakes, which really did credit to the native cook [ , ].

Monday 26 Dec.

Still a head-wind. After breakfast I went ashore, to a village & some mounds, but found no antiquities; then I walked along the shore some way, & was picked up by the boat for lunch. We did a little gentle sailing, but only covered five or six miles in all. D<sup>E</sup> Lansing, the Cairo American Miss<sup>E</sup> & his wife were in a dahab<sup>E</sup> anchored by us, & came in to call in even. I had known him as day at  $\Delta$  last season, so we got on.

Tuesday 27 Dec.

In the morn we were rowed over (as wind was still contrary) to a site on the E. bank behind Nezlet Esh Shekh Hassan. There was a large Greek tomb, <with a bit of moulding, & rude ships on sides> & a curious early shrine, with  $X^n$  inscrip<sup>§</sup>, but perhaps Pagan converted. Many Greek inscrip<sup>§</sup> in red on it, which  $Prof^{f}$  copied, I photo<sup>d</sup> it [ $\mathbf{O}$ ,  $\mathbf{O}$ ]. The white top of the hills is cut away in large

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quarries; these are very curious, as they have always left the fissures untouched, so that all the bad parts are left as walls, & it is almost impossible to cross the place straight [•]. In one place where a good tract was surrounded by fissures they had such a square pit, & made foot holes to get down into the workings; later they had cut through a wall of rock containing a fissure, & so got a gateway into the pit. Two picked inscrips, names or scribbles, we found & copied, also a bit of Greek pattern <wi>th peacocks,> very rude, but shewing the date. I took some photo<sup>s</sup> [•]. We also went to a large brick building, still 3 stories high in one part, earl of early X<sup>n</sup> date, or fr rather Greek, judging by the pottery. We got back by 1 ½ to lunch, & tracked on in aft<sup>n</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> L & Ellis had gone to a village sketching [•].

Wednesday 28 Dec

We tracked along at first, but afterwards sailed slowly. In the aft we were watching the quarries of Es Serereah as we passed, & at last Prof<sup>‡</sup> & Loftie were screwed up to sticking point & they settled to go ashore; so we went in the felucca, leaving the dahab<sup>h</sup> to go on slowly sailing. We found two huge archways of rock cut out in quarrying of this plan [♣] which I photo<sup>d</sup>; [♠] also I saw some caves apparently tombs, half chocked; & the Prof<sup>‡</sup> just then spyed a host of broken up dog-mummies in heaps a little outside them; we brought some skulls & paws. Then we found a small rock hewn temple, of time Ramses III; & I copied inscrips in it, & a photo of Isis Nephthys & Horus statues at end [♠]. The sides were covered with the King offering to Anubis, (v. dog mummies). Amun ra, Hathor &c. Then I spied a large tablet, mentioned by Williamson, of Ramses III offering to Sebak & Hathor, & copied inscrips. Then

we ran down to the boat, & got off by 5 ½; the dahabiyh had gone on 3 or 4 miles, & by towing, rowing, sailing, puntings &c we got up to it in the moonlight by 7 ½. They had two lights hanging as a signal, & had wasted a dozen charges in signalling to us. Considering that we were 5, besides two boatmen, we were safe for the night if lost.

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15. Minieh -

Thursday 29 Dec<sup>1</sup>

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Up at 7, after breakfast we went off to see Tehneh. After landing & going some way up a wady we found we were at Gisr el Agoos  $\frac{3}{2}$  miles  $\frac{5}{2}$  N. of it. We found some tombs, including one of the old Empire. Then we (i.e. Prof., Percival, Meller, & I) walked on to Tehneh. Here are hundreds of tombs; a small XIX Dynasty (?) temple in the rock, looked into nearly all of the tombs. Many of them are probably of XIX Dyn; one of the best I measured, but most of them 5/<(>I may say all) are so rough & irregular that measures are not worth taking, especially as none have inscriptions to fix the age. Most of them are Greek, judging by the toothed-pick dressing of the rock, & the bench for the bodies. The cliffs are very fine, about 200 to 250 ft high, all weathered in ledges of hard & soft rock; along these ledges, which have been improved into paths by cutting the rock away, are ways footways leading to the tombs; often two or three stories one over the other [ . The immense mounds of rubbish of the old town are about ½ mile across, & 20 to 60 ft high. All the surface of them is of late Roman pottery, as far as I walked over them. We left I copied a large Greek inscrip, which I find in Murray, of Ptolemy Epiphanes, & also photo<sup>d</sup> it [ o for shewing the letters & arrangement. We left at about 12 ¼ & got down to shore by 12 ¾, waiting for dahabh to pick us up, as arranged by a note; but our note was delayed; & they did not come till 1 ½; then the wind was so high, & <with> 5 men off the it for various reasons, that they did could

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neither hove to, nor take sail in; but only cast off felucca for us; so we chased them for 3 miles, till a bend of the river let them stop, getting on board by 3 o/<to> lunch. After that we stopped opposite Minieh, & set off to look at the cliffs again, while others went over to the town; but letters were sent off to us, so we were called back, & sailed on to Kom Ahmar, where we are to land to tomorrow.

Friday 30 Dec

Off after breakfast to shore. Over the large mounds of pottery & bricks, out of which stand high walls of the houses in good condition [ ]. Then on up the cliff to the tombs [ ]. Here we found a fine one covered with inscrips; I searched others near it, & found no more inscrips, so settled down to copying with the Prof<sup>1</sup>, sending a note down to Loftie to come up & copy, We copied a good deal of it, probably 2000 figures. I also ph took  $6/\langle 7 \rangle$  photos of it [ $\Box$ ], **(a)** & one of a most curious cemetery of mo dome tombs of modern date, all people from <all> the neighbourhood being buried there. As there was a splendid stern breeze at last we hastened back to sail on to Beni Hassan a few miles farther on, from which we can go over this ground again in a days trip, as B. H. will be a head quarters for some days. Passing through the village a man brought me a coin he told me of going up; it is a fine Claudius & Messalina which I got for 5<sup>d</sup>. The Prof<sup>r</sup> found a splendid little alabaster mortar tube drilled with core remaining, & side broken off for shewing the section, [\bigcirc] nothing could be a better illumination of tube drilling if made on purpose: he kindly gave it to me. He was offered a Ptolemy tetrad<sup>r</sup>, but did not try to buy it; so I must look for it if I go again. We got in to lunch about 2, & sailed for Beni Hassan, which we reached about 4, &/<->

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we then ran off to look over the tombs, to see how much there was to be done. I took up the camera & tried to take some of the interior paintings, but found on developing that I had much under exposed them. The range of tombs is very fine, nearly 40 in all; many of them painted. The largest chamber is 38 ft square, entirely covered with paintings & hieroglyphics. These are all of 12<sup>th</sup> Dynasty, & therefore only next in interest to those of Gizeh &c, from their early date. We then came down for dinner.

Saturday 31 Dec

I have been long thinking that I should leave the party at Thebes, & the objectives made to stoppage for work, by many who do not come for antiquities, shewed me that I should have no chance to of business after Prof Sayce left. Now, still worse, Gott is so ill that they want to post on to Thebes, & omit nearly all the most places between, which are really all that I will want to see. But Gott's state is considered to need a doctor, & warmer air as quickly as possible, & they wish to run straight on to Nubia stop about there, (where there are only late works) & then see things on the way down.

Sunday 1st Jany 1882-

After breakfast I went out & had another look as a farewell to Beni Hassan; & then took a walk southwards along the mountain side, winding in & out of the splendid gorges in the cliffs. After 3 miles I came up to the large temple of Bubastis (known as

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Monday 2nd Jan

I ran off ashore <at 7 ½> before breakfast to look for the celebrated tomb with a colossus being drawn by men, which is frontispiece of Gardner Wilkinson. Gott said he had searched with a dragoman, & could not find it; so we were in doubt. I followed Murrays directions & found it easily, even if a boy from the village had not joined on as guide. Got back by 9 had a bit of breakfast & then out with Prof., Ellis, Percival & Meller. I had found several early tombs with inscrip<sup>s</sup> & after I had photo<sup>d</sup> & examined colossus tomb, I went on & took some photos of inscrips in another. The colossus tomb is of 12th Dynasty & therefore very interesting, as we know so few of that date. The work is very fine, & beside the great colossus group, there are many others of interest. Ladling water into buckets carried on the the ends of poles on mens shoulders; rows of plants in pots in a garden, &c. <In one place the rock seems as if cut away by huge tube drills 12-20m diam.> Then I went & searched a row of tombs on the opposite side of the mouth of the ravine, Mellor meanwhile having searched the quarries all up the ravine; in neither was there any thing important, or inscrips. Then I went back, & found Prof<sup>1</sup> leaving, being done up: & I stopped & copied hard back to ship by 2, the limit allowed to me. By 3 ¾ we got down with fine wind to Hadi Kandûl or Tel El Amarna. We landed & I had a run with the Prof. over the mounds. Here

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I found quantities of blue painted pottery; & all pottery from here is very interesting, as the site was only occupied during part of the 18<sup>th</sup> Dynasty; & I did not see anywhere all over the immense ruins of the town any Greek or Roman pottery.

Tuesday 3rd Jan

I started off about 9 in a thick fog, & steered by guess right across to the beginning of the range of tombs. Here I began measuring, & sometime after the Prof<sup>r</sup>, Percival, & Woodall, rode up. I measured 8 tombs in all during the day; all of the same reign of Khuenaten, who established a solar disc worship & proscribed the old gods. He is represented in most of the tombs, with his subjects bowing to him. After noon the riders went across the plain to the principal tombs, while I walked some way on the cliffs seeing two more tombs, & then all overtook them before lunch. After seeing the great tomb (which is unfinished, & <but> has been planned for 24 columns) they returned <to ship>; I walked off to the old mounds, & went all along them again <getting more pottery>, & got back to boat before the others. So I was very glad I had not taken a donkey. The group of Arabs who went with us were much amused at my keeping them trotting all the way; they tried to stop me at first, but found me irrepressible; & I was honoured with the epithets barack & wabour. happily the lid of my

plate box fell often & spoiled my plates; those I had done were not much damaged, but I only got 5. We saw <examined> a lot of tombs in the N. side of the plain, which Loftie knew nothing about.

Wednesday 4th Jan

We tracked on to Hadji Kandil on the S. end of the plain; & while the men break lunched, we all bargained for antikas. I got a quantity of good beads &c; also an ancient brass bangle; & a good little alabaster core from a drill hole. This occupied till our lunch, when we had wind enough to sail.

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I was copying off sundry inscriptions, from my photos. We anchored off Gebel Abufeda.

# Thursday 5th Dec < Jan>

Started sailing early. It is now

decided to run on without stopping <except at Siout>, to Thebes. Hence all antiquities have to be abandoned; & there is great soreness prevailing, though not openly. The Prof<sup>1</sup> leaves & goes on by Postal steamer to save time; intending to go down to Abydos as a separate trip on his way back. I think it best to stay on board till we get to Luxor. I lose a few days ,& but it will avoid an open row, as otherwise I must claim that contract is broken by not stopping, & I am not bound to find substitute. I have written to D<sup>r</sup> Grant asking if he knows a suitable person wishing to go on. I have arranged to join Prof<sup>1</sup> in going to S Abydos if convenient; & this will be a stay of 4 days or so just such as e will enable me to do work there. We expect to reach Asiout this evening or tomorrow morn; & I shall post this there.

# Friday 6th Dec < Jan.>

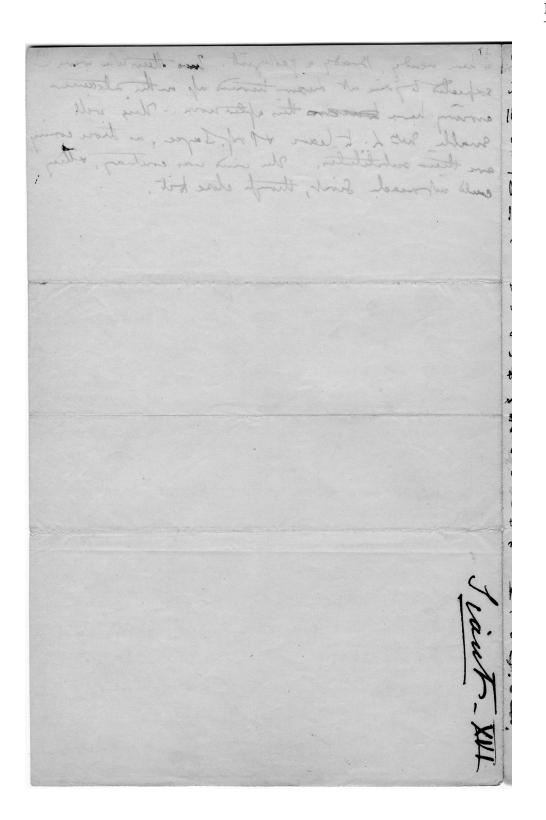
We got near Siout by noon;

& I ran off <before lunch> & went up the cliffs examining the tombs. They are nearly all very rude, & plainly not metrical. I reached all the top line, & returned along the middle. Returning at sunset I met Percival <Ellis> & Mellor going to Siout; P. & E. leaving here, one as super 8, the other as <a> substitute

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is here already, Brady a geologist. Two others who were expected to join at Luxor turned up on the steamer arriving here tomorrow this afternoon. This will enable M<sup>I</sup> L. to leave & Prof. Sayce, as those coming are their substitutes. The wind was contrary, & they could not reach Siout, though close to it.

Siout- XVI



Saturday 7 Jan

Out in morning to Siout, & through the bazaars which are very good; more original than in Cairo. Clean & well kept for an Egyptian town, & almost wholly boarded over so as to form tunnels, with occasional openings which give amply/<e> light for all. There was an astonishing amount of cross purpose & arrangement all the morning about the substitutes &c; which ended in the Prof<sup>1</sup> & Percival going on on board Cook, M<sup>15</sup> L. & Ellis stopping at Siout, & Poë & Bond joining us. They are pleasant & intelligent, & Brady is si scientific; he is a great geologist & microscopist, examiner in geology, & up in all natural history matters. In the aft<sup>10</sup> I went up with him to the tombs again, took some photos, measures & inscriptions.

Sunday 8 Jan

Wind against us, so we tracked on a little, but only went <del>on</del>/<two> or three miles. In the aft<sup>n</sup> out for a while on shore will dinner time.

Monday 9 Jan

Wind against us still; so we tracked on a little, but nothing could be done but a walk in evening. Photo<sup>d</sup> a boat building & threshers, both curious. [•], •]

Tuesday 10 Jan

A wind sprung up, & we began sailing at 11 last night & sailed on steadily all day to Gebal Shekh Hereedee, passing many tombs in the afternoon. Ellis passed us in the steamer at breakfast. The steamer goes 6 miles <an hour> against stream & 10 miles with it. We went 5 ½ at the best, but af averaging about 3 during the day. The sunset was very fine, after a dull cloudy day. [5],

Wednesday 11 Jan

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as usual with our "lessons in laziness" as a dahabiyeh life ought to be called. The most exciting thing in the day is the backgammon in the evening. I generally play Poë & Brady every evening, & get the best of it more often than not. Brady is a very sharp player however, & I think he has generally the best of it.

In one place I saw 82 doorways in the cliffs; but I think most of them, perhaps all, were not tombs, but dwellings.

Thursday 12 Jan.

Tracked a little in the morn: I ran ashore after breakfast to a monastery <on E. bank> close to where we stopped for crew's breakfast, & saw the outside; then the priest asked me in, & I saw the church. It is very ingeniously decorated by painting the mud bricks dark red & black, & using whiting & white pointing. All very clean & tidy, but nothing ancient. I saw in the monastery however three small granite pillars used for thresholds, & one of marble; but there were no inscribed stones, & they had no old books, I was told. The whole place was enclosed in a square high wall of crude brick built recently on a basis of a very rough broken thick wall of some material, which from the regular square form I think to be the foundation of a Roman fort. I saw a large rubbish mound with late Roman pottery on the East side. I was surprised with the cleanness & tidiness of the whole place. We got a wind & sailed on, & as we shall reach Girgeh very soon, I finish off to post this there. With a good wind we might be at Thebes in 3 or 4 days. Many thanks to kind friends for letters; I hope to write when more settled, & with somewhat more to tell.

<u>17. Girgeh</u>.

Thursday 12 Jan

As we neared Girgeh we saw several tombs in the cliffs on the opposite (E) bank. So <at 2pm> the dahab<sup>h</sup> ran close to that side, checked a little, & Brady & I ran off along a landing plank & went to examine while the rest went on to Girgeh. I went into several tombs, but there were no inscriptions, & nothing to fix their age, so measures were not of much value; I measured one of the best, & it was good but not very regular. The cliffs were very fine & I took 3 photos of these [ , D, D]. Brady picked up some nummulites, which delighted him, as he is devoted to Rhizopoda. We walked along the cliff foot some 2 miles, & then returned along by field paths down to the spit of sand opposite Girgeh; here two ferry boats were unloading & all the natives wading ashore, a very amusing sight. They carried us into a boat & took us over to the dahabh, by sunset. Then we went with Poë up into the bazaar, & I bought a 15 good second brass Diocletian, &c for 1/-, & a couple of poor scarabs from a Copt. When we returned, there was great excitement about six funeral tablets, & a small statuette which a pudgy Greek had brought down. Loftie had bought in the town, a tablet with a short bilingual inscrip<sup>n</sup>; & one of these others had inscrip in the same character as on the bilingual but without any Greek. I put in to have this second one as soon as I saw it, & after hours of haggling the tablets were got for 10 francs each, divided by Brady & Loftie taking two each, Poë one & myself one. The Greek later brought down another g/<G>reek with some little things, for which they wanted outrageous prices & so were dismissed.

Friday 13 Jan.

Up by 7, & out by 8 with Brady, & Poë round the bazaar again, but without getting anything. Back to breakfast

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Saturday. 14 Jan.

We sailed on tolerably all day, but in the afternoon, in going along a reach very close to the wind, we were blown on shore, & could not fetch off. So after a long delay we managed to haul the boat off by one anchor, but could not sail again before dark.

Sunday 15 Jan.

Sailed early for some way, but the wind dropped just as we reached Dendera: So, though not intending to stop, we were obliged to do so, as they also had to shift the yard on the mast, which takes some time. So we went ashore for a walk, over to the temple, about 3 miles from our stopping place. The completion of the roof of the temple makes it very striking & interesting,

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and the size of the stones is astonishing, many being as large & larger than the roof stones of the kings chamber. It is all of fine sandstone, except two blocks of the door hinges, which are black granite. Nearly every figure has been chopped over by early Christians; but in a few places they are perfect. The style of it is highly finished, but with little of the life of the older works, being of late Greek & Roman date [ ]. The small chambers are lighted with a small square hole in the ceiling, thus [♠] & even the sides of these holes are often sculptured very delicately & fully. The effect of such a top light on the sculptures & inscriptions is excellent; & the clouds as they drift overhead, are seen on the floor, as in a camera. I also had a look [a]t a small temple of Isis near it, & then we returned. The bees have built thickly their mud cells all over the sculptures in many parts, entirely covering them as if plastered over, & rough cast: & they are still busy at work, with a deafening hum, swarming all round one in a cloud: in a few years there will be little of the external sculptures visible, unless they are checked. After lunch we sailed on with a light wind, till 2 next morn.

Monday 16 Jan.

They set sail again about 10, after tracking a little; the postal steamer passed us, with Hassan on board. He is a donkey=boy=dragoman, who always goes with M<sup>E</sup> Chester, & is now going up with two travellers; we want to get him for going to Abydos, if Ellis has not yet taken him. We got within a couple of miles of Luxor by dark, but could not reach it, owing to our stupid old reis running < running > us on a mud bank \_ [O, O, O, O, O, O, O, O, O]

Tuesday 17 Jan

Up early [ during breakfast we were slowly sailing up to Luxor; but ran aground in stream as usual; so went off in the felucca. Ellis met us on shore, & we got letters mine of 28 Dec. & 6 Jan., which last reached Cairo on the 12th! Then we went to the hotel & saw Percival, who is laid up in a dark room with opht/halmia; he does not brush flies off as he should, & so caught it I think. Sayce had gone <for the day> over to the other side the river; he has been very ill, fever &c; & is subject to haemorrhages, hence his sicknesses are serious. I got news that a M<sup>I</sup> Brown from Cairo whom Brady knew there has come to take my place, but as I did not know where he was here, I went off with Brady, <Ellis> Mellor & Bond to Karnak. Here I began working away; photographing a quantity of details & interesting points, which could not be bought ready done. In all I took 21 during the day [O, O, measuring as most of the buildings are too vast & complex to give good metrical quantities. The profusion of separate temples is bewildering at first, but with a map I got the district into order in my mind. Altogether I went over most of the ground twice, besides various doublings. What struck me as much as anything was seeing that one of the most immense pylons about 80ft high had doors to it; the pivot of one door, & which the being quite distinct, & also where the hinges back edge of the door had jammed & ground the stone, which had been chipped away to ease it in part. I met M<sup>r</sup> Wilbour, & had a talk with him. By sun I went up to the tops of the columns to see Ellis sketching ground, & took a photo. there [ ]. By sunset, I joined Ellis at his sketching, by the great lake, & rode back with him to Luxor, where I got on board to dinner. The Abydos trip is given up, owing to Sayce's illness: So I expect to stay here 10 days or a fortnight, as there is a cheap hotel here. I shall post this tomorrow, as the post goes in the evening –

<u> 18. Thebes – </u>

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Wednesday 18 Jan.

Off early to see Percival, & whom I found rather down, & not quite so well, I thought: Sayce had done breakfast then & I saw him; he expects to stay about a week longer. Then he went with me to my substitute M<sup>r</sup> Brown; he knows him well at Oxford. M<sup>I</sup> B. has a parish near Basingstoke, was thought much of in his college, & is now here for health. He came down to dahabh with me, I shewed him over it, & then in Loftie's presence we arranged matters, by his giving me a cheque for the balance of my share, & taking my place formally from tomorrow. I did not want to have to carry gold, & having about 20€ here I shall not want more here so I took a cheque for the £22.4s he paid up. Then I set about packing, sorting out in three classes of <sup>1</sup> things wanted on other side at Thebes with Ellis, <sup>2</sup> things wanted at Δs &c, & 3 things to be left on board till dahaby returns. This I could not finish till the aft<sup>n</sup>, when I took down the second division & left them at the New Hotel; the people there were very civil, & though I asked what they would charge for a room for the boxes, offered to take them gratis until I came to stay there. Then back t walked over to temple of Maut at Karnak which I had omitted before. It is much ruined but crowded with <large> statues of Pasht, I counted over 50 all like those in Brit. Mus. Then back after looking again at Ptolemy Euergetes Temple & pylon I went back. Found the party returned from Thebes, with many little antikas; Loftie tries to dissuade them from buying little things, & goes at the dear & fine articles of regular dealers; this is rather resented & I was taken into the cabin by of Poë & Woodall to see & comment on their purchases in private. Poë also got some coins & scarabs to discuss in private.

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Thursday 19.

Up early & finished packing, & had breakfast. Then out & could not get a donkey for some time, then waited long for a ferry boat, & at last got over to Ellis's tent at the Ramesseum by 11. Off to inspect generally till lunch [ , , , , , , , , ). Soon I was surrounded by dealers, & bargained for beads & little images, both which are plentiful now from recent finds. Got about 3,000 <2500> beads, many of very fine blue, & then to lunch. Dealing also during lunch, & <a man> promised a lot of about 15,000 beads, which I shall divide with Ellis. Then I went off to Drah Abul Negga & hunted for early tombs, but could not find any certainly early; & all are very roughly cut owing to being in a mass of breccia <(the hardened foreshore of the cliffs)>, the blocks of which are too hard to cut through; so they are all mud plastered, frescoed white faced, & then painted. All are damaged, only few having any paint left, & these much broken. Then back to dinner, along the cliffs. After a chat, & writing this, to bed about 9. Ellis had a palm stick bed frame, I sleep on the ground in the tent, with a mat & four blankets.

<u>Friday 20- Jan</u>

Over to Deir El Bahri in the morning. Measured the tombs of Hatasu & Thothmes III which are very fine in style

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& fairly good in accuracy. I also took measures of some huge brick arches at the end of the valley. Unhappily, my camera plate box lid came off, & spoiled my plates that I had in hand. I found an old Copt's jerkin lying by his mummy, at least I suppose it to be X<sup>n</sup> date, by a [₹] worked in it; so I cut out the monogram, as I could not carry it all, & also the curious strings for fastening. At lunch, a lot of dealers came up, & we haggled over beads, &c. Ellis got first pull, & secured about 5000 before I came, but I got about 2000, & many images &c. The best thing was a silver ring with bezil, which I got with 8 or 10 little porcelains for 7<sup>d</sup> ½ the lot. I also got an alabaster eye for inlaying, &c shews two tube drill holes very well: also a large curious slate tablet, unhappily broken in two. Then in aft. I went to the Wof Gürneh & along many of the Gürneh tombs: they are all of 18th Dynasty apparently: roughly cut in the breccia rock, mud plastered, & many white faced & painted. There I recognised many of my old friends, known so well in illustrations of Wilkinson, &c, but all are sadly defaced, & it is rare to find a face remaining. Then down to dinner by dusk, & writing this after. -

Saturday, 21 Jan.

In the morning I was finishing off the tombs at Shekh Abd el Gūrneh, & found them all disappointingly rough, without anything to measure, & too dark & damaged to photo [②, ③]. After early lunch, I went to Deir El Bahari [③, ⑥], & photo<sup>d</sup> the wall with the fleet of Queen Hatasu, &c, taking a series of plates to join together: I could not finish it, as the sun needs to be very oblique to shew the low relief, & then it soon passes off altogether. After this, I went & saw the celebrated pit, where all the big mummies were found. It is a deep shaft in a retired nook of a small ravine of the cliffs, lying thus [ $\Re$  plain] mountain rising in stages, at A, so that it

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is invisible at 20 feet from it. I took three photos at various distances [②, ②, ③]. Ellis also made a sketch of it. Then I went off to photo brick arches near the mouth of Deir el Bahri valley [③, ③, ⑤, ⑤, ⑥, ⑥], & there met Sayce & a M<sup>I</sup> Myers a Jew who stays at Luxor often & collects. Percival is not out of a dark room yet, & they will probably not be off before Thursday when I shall return to Luxor. I turned back with them to the celebrated pit, & soon after left them & finished my photos. Then back to tent by dusk.

Sunday 22 Jan

In morning I went for a ramble round behind some of the small hills. looking at a Ptolemaic temple at Deir El Medineh (which is very perfect) & the great temple of Ramesses III at Medinet Habû on my way [ , , , , , , , , , , , , , ]. In the afternoon I had a splendid climb to the top of a peak of the Theban range about a thousand feet; from there I saw all over the Theban plain on one hand, with blue Nile bending & doubling in the green valley, & on the other hand <saw> the wild & parched rocks of the valleys of the tombs of the kings, many precipices 100 to 200 feet high. All the rocks f are of a light rich warm brown which glows magnificently in a setting sunshine. After seeing this well, I went down the slope of the mountain into the rocky valley, & soon hit a path apparently made by the old Egyptians; it was neatly put together with a row of stones on each side in the best parts, & in such an utterly deserted place no one since the old times would think of making it. There is also a similar path up on the river side <of the range> from Medinet Habû; perhaps made on some occasion of a Ramses going up to view his capital, for it is built up on the face of the rock where it slopes away too steeply. Then following the path down I wound round to the W. valley of the tombs of the kings, & went along the winding gorge between cliffs about 100 ft high, with a slope of about 200 feet above them, & then upper cliffs about 300 ft high above that, with slopes & cliffs on up to the summit. Then striking over the range again at the usual footpath I got back to tent

Monday Jan 23

Went off to the Temple of Ramesses II at Kûrneh after breakfast, with Ellis. There is nothing very striking there, certainly not equal to Medinet Habou. I took a few photos [ , & measured some of the chambers, but found them very irregular. Then looked at the remains of the pylon; & had three false scarabs offered for 1 franc, though one of them was put at 2 francs at first; of course I did not take them. Then I went up the valley towards the tombs of the Kings, looking for the limestone quarries, but got too far on, & missed them, & had to come back to lunch. After that I went off & got some more photos of Hatasu's great wall sculpture at the right moment of the sun's glinting across it. Then went up the cliff path (about 400 ft high) & down into the valley of the tombs of the Kings. I took some photos of more the scenery, which is very fine [ , , , , , , , , , , ]. The path goes down a cleft in the rock, with merely foot holes in many parts to step on, & I found it rather awkward with a camera & measuring rods. I went down into Seti Ist tomb (called Belzoni's); it is a most impressive place; first a steep slope, then a <long> flight of steps, then a sloping passage, another long flight, another sloping passage, a third long flight, in/<&> another passage leading into a chamber supported with columns, all brilliantly painted with mythologic figures; vast serpents folding their huge green bodies all along the side of a room; something looking much like a hell, into which Pasht, sword in hand, is spitting fire on a group of enemies; & other weird & horrid groups, all f/<g>audy with red & green & yellow. But out of this <are various other chambers &> another flight of stairs goes down, & another long passage leads to a

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lower chamber with side chapels, all similarly painted, & then a steep sloping passage goes down, down for about 100 feet farther, rough in the rock, & without any regular end. It is more like a realized nightmare than anything I ever saw: & to go alone, without anything to distract you, & only one candle, just shewing group & by group, leaving the vastness of it to be felt in darkness, adds strength most of the other tombs, but did not go all through them, photographing some of the best heads of the kings, close to the doorways, where there was light [ , , , , , , , , , ]. I measured part of one tomb, but found it very irregular in the repetition of similar parts. I could not measure much for lack of someone to hold the candle. Then I went up the narrow cleft again, & over the hill back to the tent, by dusk. A M<sup>I</sup> & M<sup>IS</sup> Llewellyn had been asking about me, some friends of a friend of ours, but I could not get at the name.

Tuesday, Jan 24.

After breakfast, I had to wait sometime till candles could be fetched, as we had just run short, & I wanted them. Then I went off with a man over the hills into the valley of the tombs of the kings again: I found I needed someone to hold a candle. I measured parts of eight tombs, during the day, & took some photos of kings heads from the sides of the passages [O, O, O, O, O, O]. Altogether I got a good deal of work done, measuring the whole of some tombs, except their passages. In some of them are the enormous granite sarcophagi, more or less smashed. Many of the

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# Wednesday Jan 25.

After breakfast [②, ②, ⑤], I we went off to Medinet Habû; stopping at Deir El Medinet on the way as Ellis had not seen it. Then on to Habu, which I examined more, & measured part of the temple of Thuthmos III there. I tool several photos, both here & at Deir [②, ②, ⊙, ⊙, ⊙, ⊙, ⊙], & we returned by 12. Then after dinner lunch we packed up, & at last got donkeys together, loaded, & came over to Luxor. I came to the new hotel, & Ellis went to Cook's. I then, after putting things straight, went over & saw Sayce & Percival, at D<sup>I</sup> We/<i>edemanns, P. is better, & about with an eyeshade. Sayce was delighted with some of the chipped flints that I had found,

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Thursday, Jan 26.

Ellis had told me that Sayce &c were going to Erment, so I set off as soon as I could, to join them, but found they had already started; & the hotel people made a stupid mistake, & told me Ellis had gone out with them. So I hunted to & fro for an hour, for him, & he for me: but as I could not catch him, I had to leave settling with him for expences till we met at Cairo. I went to Karnak. Planned parts of three temples & a pylon, & took some photos [ , , , , , , , , , , , , ]. Bought 18 inscribed pot sherds; which I took to Wiedemann in evening; he & Sayce are learning to read them, & he has got 400 already. I have lent him all I find, for study; & shall let him keep any he wants: they cost ½ each perfect, or 1/10 for portions. I went to Cook's hotel after dinner, & had a chat with Sayce, Wiedemann, & Myers, (M. collects much, chipped flints specially), & then returned & began developing. I went on till ¼ to 2, & did 34 plates.

Friday Jan 27.

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10 ½, & I shewed them beads, figures, &c, & photos. Then I went to call on Maspero, on his steamer, here but he was over at Thebes. Then bought a string of little things & back to lunch. After lunch went over, & had a talk to Sayce in aft<sup>n</sup> & bid him goodbye, as he leaves tonight. Went to the photographer, & bought a stock of views. Then unpacking some of my things, & had a talk to M<sup>rs</sup> Lluellin, who is very pleasant & intelligent. Posted this in evening, as mail goes tomorrow early.

Friday Jan 27

After posting journal, I went to see Maspero about Meydom, as Sayce said he was soon leaving for some time. He was very polite as usual, & told me that Mydoum  $\Delta$ must be temporarily closed on Feb 1 as the men are to be moved to Lisht, & "the neck of it is not yet broken"; which is what I had heard, that he thinks there are yet other chambers. But he has had accurate measures taken of it, which will be accessible; &, best of all, he told me that he had opened several tombs there which do not contain inscriptions, & so will not be closed again, & these I can measure whenever I like. As the  $\Delta$  is not yet known to be of  $3^{rd}$  Dyn<sup>y</sup>, - and the inference that it is so  $\frac{1}{2}$  (>because of  $3^{rd}$  Dyn tombs there<sub>7</sub>/<)> is almost balanced by the chronological series of  $\Delta s$  from N to S being as yet not disproved, I think the tombs are of more importance than the  $\Delta$ . So I did not think it worth while to race back <immediately> for the chance of being in time to do it before it was closed. I also let asked him about the age of a large mass of brick arches here at the Ramesseum, & he said he supposed 18th or 19th dyn, which is just what I had supposed, & <as> the inscribed pottery found there wi/<is o>f wine jars for the soldiers stationed there, which shews a large garrison, to need such a regular supply; & I much suppose that these arches <or tunnels of brick> are the barracks for the garrison of Thebes. I suggested that excavation might be useful, & M. immediately said that if I liked to do it I was quite welcome. I thanked him but said that I had not time here for such a work. He is certainly liberal in permissions, - & has promised that if the an English fund for exploration is raised for Zoan (or other places also, I think) all the antiquities found shall go to the Brit. Mus. only keeping casts for Bulak. This is really allowing the English public to dig for, & carry off, what they like for B.M. I do not think there is the least necessity for trying to use any farther influence on M. from anyone else, as he is now freely accessible, very polite, & as obliging as he can be. As to farther work at Gizeh, I do not see that there is much more worth doing in excavating on a small scale; & unless one was to undertake some big clearances, or get to driving tunnels in

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Saturday Jan 28.

Went off with  $M^{\underline{r}} Ll_{\overline{w}}/\langle u \rangle$  ellin over to the other side, & had a days walk. First to the colossi & the enormous tablet there. This tablet is now over thrown & broken in two, but it was 31 ft high, 13 ft broad, & 5 ft thick, weighing about 180 tons: it is of hard sandstone & the inscription is still almost as perfect as when cut by Amen--hotep III in the 18th dynasty. Then we went on to Medinet Habû, & got several antikas; among others a ch very fine porcelain ring with name of Ramesses II on it, unusually legible & of brilliant blue; it is the finest I have seen, & I was delighted to get it [ , D, D]. Then farther south of this we went on looking for some tombs that Sayce had told me of; but we could not find them, & they must be much farther on. I got however a rich lot of flints, some finely worked. We came back by sunset. After dinner I ran over to Cook's hotel & saw M<sup>r</sup> Myers (who had called here today) D<sup>r</sup> Wiedemann & M. Naville the hieroglyphist. Myers thought the flints very good, & had not searched that part for them, though he has collected quantities elsewhere. I finished developing my Theban photos at night; 80 is a heavy lot to get through, but they are nearly all good, & none spoilt. None of the subjects have been done before I believe; among them I have got a series of the great inscription of Hatasu shewing her

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In the morning I was looking after some odds & ends, after a late breakfast; for I have been very late after my long evenings at developing, going to bed at 12, 1, or 2. After our mid day lunch I went off to cross the cultivated land & see the desert on the Arabian side. I found it a long way, & just as I got to the desert a negro came running after me asking me to go & see a Kôm or mound which he seemed to think important. So I turned to see it, but it was small, with a little pottery, not characteristic, & mos no stones or antiquities; they said that stones had been removed, & after questioning two or three men the name of it I found to be Kom El Mekteleh. I told them there was nothing I wanted there, & they did not ask for bakhshish. Two of them however followed me, half running to keep up, about a furlong behind, to see what I did & where I went, for a couple of miles: I expect they seldom see Europeans. Got back about sunset.

Monday Jan 30

After breakfast went over in the native ferry boat stuffed with Arabs; sat cross legged on the stern, answered their salutations orthodoxly, & made myself generally agreeable to them. I went over to the Great limestone quarries at the mouth of the valley of the kings tombs; there is nothing to see there but a few Coptic crosses. Then went over a ridge, & was just going to lunch when I heard voices round the corner & going round found Myers there; he was just the man I was wanting to tell me about the flint sites for which I have come over. He had found some

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late inscriptions, &c; but as he is no hand at inscriptions I copied them. Then he shewed me the main site for flints, & we walked over the hill which is covered with large dark brown flints, & found the various places where the workers had sat & chipped up some of them. I got several large massive flint axes which had been begun, but dropped as not being regular enough, beside picking up dozens of chipped flakes. Coming back he shewed me the place where Pitt Rivers found the chipped flints deep in the breccia in which tombs had been cut. I picked out two rather artificial flakes, & intend going again. We got back by dark, & after dinner I went over to the hotel to see if Wiedemann could come in to see photos tomorrow. I took over my coins to shew, & all there said they had never seen a Ptolemy to compare with that finest one from Gizeh.

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 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 Then back by sunset [ . After dinner I went over to Cooks steamer just arrived & saw, M<sup>IS</sup> Fawcett & her dau<sup>IS</sup>; had a chat with them on antiquities large & small, genuine & fake. Then back & developing plates, wrote this & to bed,

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**Thursday Feb 2** 

Off after breakfast, to cross to Thebes, the ordinary ferry boat was not running, & when I got over the main branch of the river I was told that the other ferry was shifted about a mile farther up stream; all because some plaguey old Pasha's harem was going to tombs of kings to day, & so he seems to have bribed or threatened the ferry boats into hindering all ordinary ha visitors from going over. I had a long walk on soft & slippery mud to reach the shifted boat, & then back again to the ordinary ferry place which was where I wanted to start from. I went up to the valley of the Queens tombs, which is on this side of the mountains, not beyond the ridge like the Kings. Here I measured & planned 5 tombs completely, & took a few photos [**O**, **O**, **O**]. This occupied till 2 ½. & then examining other parts of the valley, & going to a group of tablets of Ramses II filled up till 4 1/2, when I set off back, as I wanted good daylight for the mud. Got in by 6, & had a chat to the Lluellins after dinner.

Friday Feb 3

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at my baggage & arranging some packing, I went out to the post, & took my ticket for the postal boat, leaving early tomorrow. I reckon I have done most of what is mainly important here, & though I could easily go on working for weeks, yet I want to do the Gizeh levelling before it is too hot: so I settled to go down, & as the Lluellyn's are going by this boat it makes it pleasanter, as they came up in it & know the steward. Then I went to Todros again, taking M<sup>r</sup> Lluellyn; he selected a lot of nice <del>od</del>/<lit>tle things, & I bought a couple of scarabs. This occupied till lunch. I gave up going to Karnak to photo. to day, as the wind was so high & unpleasant, & I scarcely had time. After d/<l>unch I was packing all the aftn; old Dr Baily came it/<n> to my room to have a look at my photos; & everyone, Martens, a Dutch artist, Holroyd, D<sup>r</sup> Baily, & the Lluellyn's all want to have the book of prints to look at, when I get them done. I have 16 or 18 peoples now who have bespoken to see them, & probably most of them will order some dozen, so I can promise a good lot of work to any photographer who engages to print copies. About 5 ½ I went over to Luxor Hotel & saw Myers, who shewed me a lot of good things he has got here, then back & after dinner we moved down to the postal boat, sleeping on board over night. I ran up to see if I could bid goodbye to D<sup>r</sup> Wiedemann, but he had gone to bed, being a very early man. I have an excellent cabin, a single one, the only such on the boat I think; thanks to the L's for selecting it for me when the boat went up.

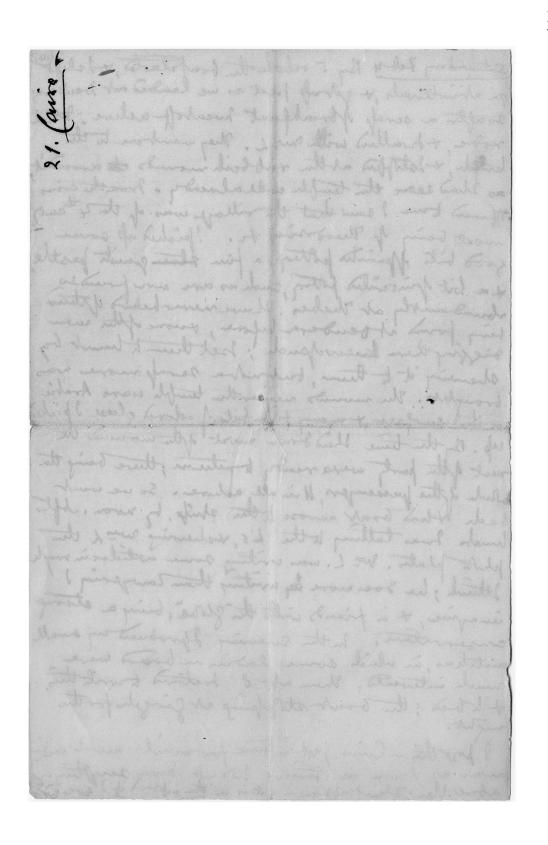
Saturday Feb 4

By 5 oclock the boat started, & I slept on at intervals, & got up just as we landed at Dendera; so after a scrap of breakfast I went off ashore. M<sup>rs</sup> L. rode, & I walked with M<sup>r</sup> L. They went on to the temple, & I stopped at the rubbish mounds el around it, as I had seen the temple well already. From the coins offered to me I saw that the village was of the 4th centy, most being of Theodosius &c. I picked up some good bits of painted pottery, a fine stone granite pestle, & a bit of inscribed pottery, such as are now so abundantly at Thebes. I have never heard of their being found at Dendera before, & none of the men digging there knew of such; I set them to hunt by shewing it to them, but not a scrap more was brought. The mounds nearer the temple were Arabic on the surface, & many fine bits of coloured glaze I picked up. By the time I had done most of the mounds the rest of the party were ready to return; there being the whole of the passengers, 11 in all, ashore. So we went back & had boat across to the ship, by noon. After lunch I was talking to the L's, & shewing M<sup>IS</sup> L the photo plates. M<sup>r</sup> L. was writing some articles in rough I think; he does more t/<b>y writing then lawyering I imagine, & is friends with the "Globe", being a strong conservative. In the evening I produced my small antikas, in which some ladies on board were much interested in. Then at 8 I retired to write this & to bed; the boat stopping at Girgeh for the night.

I post this in Cairo just in time for the mail cannot write more as I am in train. I do not know anything about the Flinders diary; it is in the cupboard if I ever had it.

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Sunday Feb 5

We were steaming down the stream all the morning, stopping about every 15 miles or 1 ½ hr at some <one of the> old iron barges which serve as piers; they are generally pretty well crowded with natives going by the boat, their friends, people who think they may have a friend coming, & those who do not expect anyone [ ]. By three we were near Asiout, & soon landed; I went with the Lluellyns through the bazaar which they had not seen, & which is the next best to Cairo in all Egypt; & we strolled about the town, I returning another way partly through the fields. After dinner at 6, we got gradually shaken into order, & walked off to a train waiting for us at 8 to take us up ½ mile to the station; after getting all our luggages appropriated as they came up on donkey carts, we drew off to the station. Here my compartment was filled up with four officers & six of their boys; they also had sundry girls with the harem in the next carriage, & many were the debates with the ticket examiner on the miscellaneous mixture of families, as the fathers had all the tickets. They were very fair specimens of the free & easy, but not at rude, style of mature manners; they talked & smoked at intervals all night, & one next me solaced himself by a half smothered singing of meandering & pointless Arab quaverings most of the time. It was very cold & I was heartily glad of some blankets; & the L's were equally delighted with two that I lent them, both on board & in the train. They had  $1^{\underline{st}}$  class tickets already, or would have gone 2<sup>nd</sup> with me they said, as they thought there was barely anything to chose in the carriages. The amount of bedding that officers carry about (though not using it in traveling) is amusing. One of the officers sat bolt upright with his family arranged in front of him, & covered half of himself & the whole of them with a huge wadded quilt; another sat leaning

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Monday Feb 6

we reached Bulak station. Here M<sup>r</sup>

L. returned my blankets most gratefully, M<sup>IS</sup> L. was already gone ahead in a carriage, so I bid him goodbye until to morrow if they should have time to come out to  $\Delta$ ; in any case I am to look them up at 21 Cadogan Place, when next in that region. I had not got to my two deal boxes with me, for I found last night that they would charge about 28/- for them by passenger train; so I left them to come on by goods train tonight for about 12/-. So taking a donkey I loaded up; the two canvas cylinders prove invaluable taking a great share of my baggage; M<sup>IS</sup> Bluetts held 25 lbs & my smaller one 12 ½ lbs; & they are somewhat fastened up by strapping them together by the middle, thus being very handy to move about. I got up to my tomb a little after nine, & began straightening things. Several of my old friends turned up, Omar among the rest; & I went down to his house & selected some of his bronzes, &c as I have £ 4 or 5 of commissions for good things in general, from Brady, Poë & the L's. Ali of course turned up; quite affectionate, & much interested in the various antikas & the places, knowing the Nile from having been up with Dixon &c. In the afternoon I went round part of the  $\Delta$  hill, & then back; writing to D<sup>r</sup> Grant, & this till 7 ½ supper & then to bed. I feel as happy as a ghost that is "laid" must be on regaining its own tomb, & sympathise accordingly.

Tuesday Feb 7

Had 10 hrs solid sleep, after last nights journey; & up rather late. Gave Ali the railway order for Muhamud to fetch the boxes, & also a line for Dr Grant, & an order for letters. It was very showery in morning, & I turned out **10**, Englishman who was rather helpless, much disgusted with the bakhshish habits of Arabs, wanting to go about independently, but without the resolution or information requisite to do so. Supposed all antikas were forgeries, asked if scarabs were fossils; wished to know if he could get up  $\Delta$  alone, & if all scarabs were found in  $\Delta$ ; appeared to have no guide book or maps, & to be shady about ancient history. I answered all his questions, & gave him other information & cautions, but very gently shunted him for fear he would hook on altogether, & take up all my day. Having used up all the plates in camera I came down to tomb about 3 ½, expecting my boxes; did did odds & ends of cleaning bronzes, &c, but at last Muhammud came saying that there were no boxes yet come; this is a great nuisance as my stove in/<s> in them, & I am very cold, & have no warm food; & no boiled water to drink but some Ali brought, which tastes sickly ammoniacal from the beastly fuel used. A few lines from Miss Schul<t>z acknowledging my letter to D<sup>r</sup> G, but no letters from post. To bed about 8 ½ [10].

Wednesday Feb 8

After breakfast out, & went up  $\Delta$ ; began to measure up from course 100 which I had beg reached in measuring up at NE corner before. Went up thence to top; then remeasured place of pole on top which closely agrees with previous estimates of the other faces. The figures thus: -

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**Thursday Feb 9** 

Not out very early, as I intended not to have any <u>noonshine</u>; buying antikas &c <del>before</del> during breakfast. Then up to the rock bed of basalt paving; finished surveying that & by setting up theod: at two corners, & fixing points in each hole dug, by azimuth & angular width of several feet length of rod. Also fixed all the intricate rock cutting work at inner end of S. trench, & planned inner end of trench. This took up nearly all day, as there was a high wind continually upsetting things, blowing up dust, & worrying one's wits away. I saw a hat came bounding down from a visitor  $2/3^{\rm rds}$  the way up the  $\Delta$ . Then back, looked over Alis stock of antikas, dear as usual, & few nice things; but I am getting together a few pounds worth of things on commission from three or four friends, whom I have met out here. I am going in to Cairo tomorrow & shall post this.

Friday 10 Feb

Did not wake till 8 ½, hurried up to go to Cairo, but it was so spitting that I had to wait; so filled time by looking over the rest of Ali's bronzes & picked out some better ones. Got off about ¼ to 11, & got to Cairo by 1. Went to Post, & found that my previous weeks letters had gone astray; & I only got this weeks by the kindness of the Italian official who went, & hunted them out from the bags for Siout & for Hotel du Nil which were waiting to be despatched. I see there is much excitement <in England> about Egyptian matters, but I do not see here anything extraordinary; everything in Cairo seems just as usual, & M<sup>IS</sup> Grant had not heard of anything alarming. The letter in Globe is bad in many points. First, it is written by a German apparently by his transliteration of Arabic, which is so absurd that I am sure he cannot know much of it; secondly, from his a talk about dealing with an Arab whom he might have shot accidently, it is clear that he is a bully & therefore probably a coward, & that he does not enter at all into mature feelings, or know how to deal with them so as to hold his own in a friendly way., As far by As far as I have had to do with natives I find that, though desperate beggars to strangers, yet if they once find you perfectly firm & get kindly & jocular, they immediately settle down as good friends, & never bother you again. I am simply disgusted with the brutal tone I have seen adopted to--wards them by travellers; quiet obstinacy & a refusal to accept any proffered assistance, with – if possible – a joke against them, I have always found to carry the day; & at Thebes where I was not known, & had no connection with them as here, I was not bothered by anyone twice; the second time they saw me, after a half-laughing beginning they would leave off at the first refusal. Here there is not a man on the hill but what salutes me whenever he sees me, & many shake hands, though I have never given them a farthing. It is to the unmitigated European, who shews them that he despises everything

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Saturday 11 Feb

Out to survey; fixed the place of the little rock trench I found W of the trial passages. But it was such a brutally windy day, & so cold that I cold, that I could not get on at all; so I fetched of out the camera to photo. in tombs. I did a few plates  $[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}]$ , but the sun had got too far round for several points, & so I did but little; the wind really exhausting one in going from one place to another. Late in the afternoon two men turned up that I had met on the steamer, one of them knowing  $M^{\text{I}}$  Brady a little. They had seen nothing, as usual with donkey-boy-guided travellers; so I shewed them one of the best tombs, & the  $\Delta$  casing, & then

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they went off, & I went home. Developing photos, reading Pub Op my feet on the stove, & cleaning antikas in evening. Also I examined M<sup>r</sup> Christie's letter & diagram from Edinburgh, anent the notion of observing points for upper & lower culmin<sup>n</sup> of pole  $[\Re]$ , being placed  $\langle$ so as $\rangle$  to see it over apex of  $\Delta$ . He is one of the regular wild stamp, dabbling about with second rate sources of information, & all sorts of irrelevant remarks. A curious thing that none of that crew ever have the clearness to formulate out their statements & see what the consequences are, either in figures or theories: & they all have the family resemblance of dealing in tall talk. He says "I believe I have been <en>abled to make not a few very important discoveries"; he goes in for that goal of all the theorists, what the size of the top stone ought to be, & he has "an immense array of geometrical evidence in support" of its being 86.7967 Brit ins in slope height: and he goes in for chambers galore requiring 6 more over K.C. & 4 over Q.C. "the geometrical evidence in both cases is unquestionable". Please forward my answer to him, which is a mild snuffing: &, if there is nothing better to do, the mean [♠]s I found for airchannels might be added to the letter: the measures are in my  $\Delta$  notebooks pp 298, 579-80, 581, 588; each book is a fresh 100 pages, & is numbered on middle outer edge of pages, so as to read from either end.

Sunday 12 Feb

Up late, & looking after various little things in morning. In afternoon went for a walk up the wady W. of  $\Delta s$ : it was a lovely sight, masses of shower clouds about, raining here & there, & giving chequered sights all over the desert. I picked up a few chipped flints, almost the only ones I have found on the desert here. The little plants have not come out yet, but in many places there are quantities of tiny sprouts appearing, which some more of these showers will bring up well. After

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going some way I struck up onto the desert plateau, came back by  $\Delta^3$ ; watching a fine rain cloud sweeping up the Nile valley, streaming as it went, with a clear sky As every straw may be thought of interest behind it. now about the casing here, I may as well mention that when I came down I in the train with the four officers, one of them asked me if I was French or English, & on my telling him he said "Ah, the English are \_\_\_\_\_ " some word I did not understand; so I said "I don't know \_\_\_\_\_, "Oh, \_\_\_\_ means very nice". This was all said in a very friendly tone, more than one of them joining in, & shewed that they wished to be polite. I rather think the word was nafees, excellent, if I remember it right now. I imagine the irritation is mainly against [the] the French for their over bearing in Egypt to the people, & their Tunisian affair; the Greeks also are not in best odour, as they are awful liars, irritating, & oust the common people in trades. The English are I imagine mainly opposed by the higher officers who do not wish the good official posts to be in the hands of foreigners so much, & also very probably because they find incorruptible officials very anchored in the chain of business. Of course the common soldiers are always glad of an excuse to fall to their old trade of plundering whenever they can. Such appears to me to be the state of the case.

Monday 13 Feb

As I had a bit of a cold about me I went off to photograph to day, as that is light work. I took several plates of the heads &c in one of the best tombs here, using as many as three successive reflectors quite successfully. I also did some plates of the granite temple, & various isolated subjects. Most of them came out very well when developed in evening  $[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}]$ . I examined the Sphinx to day, & see that it is all rock cut; what I took for courses at first, are softer strata weathered  $[\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{O}]$ . I also see that the red paint so abundant on the face & front has been put on after the stone had been somewhat weathered, perhaps when the Romans took so much interest in it. I also see that it is decidedly orientated, & not parallel with the skew causeway to  $\Delta^2$  from granite temple, as Brugsch thought & said.