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We showed them the books & some of the work we have done this year, & they were very interested. The King & the Royal Family had lunch in a tent specially eu/<r>ected for him over looking the desert, & the head of the S.<des>A. had lunch with us & the Kings^{sic} tut English tutor escaped & joined us & we had a very merry time.

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I forgot to tell you that our own native musicians supplied the music during the Kings^{sic} lunch, we had got them all collected ready & Amice asked the Master of Ceremonies if they might perform as she could personally recommend them, so it was arranged, & they sang a special song of their own for the King & he was so delighted that he gave them £5. You can imagine the state of excitement they

have been in even since, Today the rubaba player came round to tell us that the ordat had got an illustrated newspaper, other was a facture of them playing in font of the King; . In said then was the whoh story of it wretten one so that all the world could read it. Our male staff were unable to appear on This historic occasion, they had decaded To work with the lack of bombas (unopean) by shaving their heads!!! I wearing a sont of turban to hide their naturalness, they Lad got hold of the idea that this would shorther the wolf of the Lair or prevent baldness later. Of women they could not appear before Thoyally in that condition so Lad to rimain in seclusion of the Louse. I topal you remember Leaving amice speak of her corsin jan. she has come out to visit he hother who is with one of the regenerals stationed in Baino + may be coming to visit us next week, ame is very recited about it. have been in ever since, Today the rubaba player came round to tell us that the Omdah had got an illustrated newspaper, & there was a picture of them playing in front of the King; & he said "there was the whole story of it written out so that all the world could read it."

Our male staff were unable to appear on this historic occasion. they had decided to cope with the lack of barbers (european^{sic}) by shaving their heads!!! & wearing a sort of turban to hide their nakedness. They had got hold of the idea that this would strengthen the roots of the hair & prevent baldness later. Of course they could not appear before Royalty in that condition so had to remain in seclusion at the house.

I expect you remember hearing Amice speak of her cousin Jan. she has come out to visit her brother who is with one of the regiments stationed in Cairo & may be coming to visit us next week. Amice is very excited about it. 393

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Los of love your affectional day the Mystle. I think we are going to entertain the Mudir of our province to lunch in the temple. Sardic is looking out for a suitable turkey for the occasion.

The bundle of humorists have arrived & we are all enjoying them

Amice joins in lots of love to you both, I hope all the colds are quite well now. I have had a bit of a cold the last few days it is very draughty in the temple when the North wind is blowing & we have to muffle ourselves up so I have been getting on with some work that can be done at the house,

> Lots of love Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.