

Between T.W.M. Longmore, his parents, brothers and sisters

Publication/Creation

(c.1890-1897)

Persistent URL

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/b3vtsbbg>

License and attribution

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution, Non-commercial license.

Non-commercial use includes private study, academic research, teaching, and other activities that are not primarily intended for, or directed towards, commercial advantage or private monetary compensation. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>

(J. T. W. M. Longmore - eldest)
Son of Surg. Gen. Sir T. L.
↑

Willie's letters from Egypt & Palestine
(From Oct^r 1890 to Aug^r 1891.)

Also some printed papers about the
Lady Strangford Hospital at Port Said.



Sir T. Longmore C.B.

The Paddock,

Woolston

Hants



Willie

Left England 4 Nov^r - 1892

Arrived at Port Said Nov^r - 16th

Arrived at Cairo Nov^r - 19th

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Willie's

Correspondence, from ~~Det 503 1890~~



Sir J. Langford, C.B. Oct^r 5^r 1891. at Dover

Woolstone,

Southampton.



War Office.



L. 54/1

My dear Mama
I hope you are
quite well. We
are are going to
day to the cradle
to day. I hope
Bronnie and ~~my~~
pups are all quite
^{well} and mine and ~~the~~
~~the~~ Sue and Roes
nabbits are all quite
^{well}

gave them some fresh
hay for the big
one for I think
it will make its
nest. Tell Isable
that I young buzz
her a little ton
house shall knife.

I am your affec
M L

to the hospital but had
managed all right by the
time help arrived, after
there is nothing like being
thrown on one's own resources
it does sharpen one's wit,
tho' you get into a blue
funk at the time. Julia
is coming to pay me a visit
tomorrow. I hope I shall be
in - Please make ^{also} Susie
write & tell me all that
you are doing - It makes
me so angry to think of you
altogether there -

Love to you all -

Ever your loving
son Will
Baden & no blotting book

5. Newmans Row.
Friday night

Dearest Mother.

Thanks very much for
the parcel & your long
letter which I was very glad
to get. You must indeed
have had a time of it &
I am glad Isabel is none
the worse it's a good thing
she was with such nice
people, anyhow it must
have been awfully disa-
-greeable for her. I am
very glad you are all right

& things going on smoothly - ing to bolt, when I see
at H. I am afraid the heat one on my shirt or sleeves
is not much less here, tho' I go for it but I'm a
it looks rather cloudy this evening; the small rooms very poor hand at catching
with a fire, several chil. 3 cases & I have done
-dren, cats & consoling friends been an awful long time
do reek a few! & it's a grand I was first called at
time of year for bugs & 11. last night, however
fleas, but I go about with as & it did not look like
1/2^d worth of Reating in my coming off I got to bed
shirt & in the seat of my about 2-30 A.M. & was
trousers & as I don't think sent for about 11. next
they naturally like me morning, I only got away
they soon find their about 5-30 this aftⁿ
quarters too hot for them as I had a good deal of
I have several fleas about trouble after the child was
me now & they are try- born, I had to send

all well now: but I sup-
-pose the spring has some-
-thing to do with it. I will
try & get the pamphlet you
spoke of this afternoon.
I must post this now, so
with love to all
your affec^d son.
Will.

L 54/3

KING'S COLLEGE CHAMBERS,
STRAND.

14. 3. 85

My dear Father.

Many thanks for your
letter & the P.O. rec^d today.
I am very sorry to hear you
have been so unwell, but I
hope that if you rest quiet-
ly at home, both the rheu-
-matism & kidney trouble will
pass off. The picture had not
come back to the shop in time
to be packed for the 5-50
train so that ~~they~~ did not
send it at all but it will
be ready for any one to take
back now. I got in 2nd

For Sister, how I don't quite
know for I hardly know any
Surgery. Maenab & Rivers
are also both in, I am
under a very nice clerk &
a son of Dr Priestley is his
H. Surgeon, so we ought
to have a pretty comfortable
time: getting in 2nd may
give me a chance of one
of his clerkships next time
I saw Henry L. this morn-
ing he said Uncle B. was
pretty well. I have just
been going round the hos-
pital with Dr Duffin & am
now off to call on the Eyes
to thank them for sending
me the 'jam'; but I dare-
say you mentioned it the

day for you were there.
It is a lonely afternoon
here the wind not being
nearly so strong. Tomorrow
afternoon, if fine, I
am going to have a walk
with Harry C. somewhere
down Windsor way. Will
you tell Isabel the screen
is very nice indeed. The
exam. for the Scholarship
begins on the 23rd till 28th
I shall spend till Apr 2nd
paying calls & then come
with H. C. on that morning.
I saw Dr Cottle on Thursday
& I am going to try some
Carr's prep. now, but am
still keeping on with the
arsenic, my skin is not at

Will you ask Mother to
send me 1/2 doz of my
photos to Port Said &
I will tell her what
to do with the rest.
I go off tomorrow from
Victoria at 11.00 & will
send you a line from
Lucerne

Harry seems quite all right.
With love to you all.

Your affec^{ate} son
Will

Harry's room
Saturday night
L. 54/4

My dear Father.

Here we are very com-
fortably accommodated & Harry
is just making some coffee
after dinner. It has been
a beautiful day but has
got pretty cold so we
have a good fire going.
They could not get the
pass port ready at look's
till Monday aftⁿ, so they
will send it to your home
& you might send it to me
to Lady Strangford. Keep it
Port Said. It is of no use
for the continent & I shall

get it before going to Palestine.
I should get a letter from
you all right if addressed
to P.O. agents at Brindisi
but Post paid is safer.
I shall not be at Brindisi
till Sunday 11th or 12th.
I will leave this till tomor-
row as it is no good sending
it tonight.

I saw Dr. Lurnow & Dr. Dalton
Dr. L. says he cannot find
anything now wrong with
chest & thinks cough must
be chiefly due to throat.

Dr. D. says Throat is a good
deal wrong but not seri-
ously & has advised remedies.

Sunday evening.

It has been a very fine
day here. after chapel
& breakfast with Sir
Hugh Keever, H. & I walk-
ed to the Maenato where
we had lunch. Went to
the Bevans afterwards who
we found well. I saw
Capel & had a talk with
him he advised either
"N. I. Wales" or "Cape," ac-
cording to the selling ~~for~~
price, he will invest £100
in one or other & communicate
with you.

We went afterwards to the
Blakers where he stayed
to church & supper.

1890 L 54/5
Restaurant. Havre, Thursday 11-30
30 October

Have had a very good crossing &
am just having lunch before
going off by the 12-30 express to
Paris due 4-30. It is a mis-
-erable morning here but warm.
The town is a rather wretched
scattered half built sort of place
& I have had two or three hours
to wait sitting in a restaurant
& reading. It was hoped to run
off & leave you 27. last night,
but it will be well to get off
of this beastly damp as soon
as possible.

T. W. M. L.

CARTE POSTALE

Ce côté est exclusivement réservé à l'adresse.



M Lady Longmore.
Woolstone

N- Southampton.

Angleterre.

CARTE POSTALE

Ce côté est exclusivement réservé à l'adresse.



M Lady Longmore
Woolstone

N. Donthampton

England.

Hotel de Ville et D'Albion - Friday 31st 1890 L 54/6
October 8.06

Just leaving for Bale or Lucerne I am
not the worse for my journey. Blacker
dined with me here last night, which
was very jolly. I wanted some one —
Quite a mild one again, in fact Muggs
am just off (8.06) —

W.M.L.

L 54/7

R. S. H. I.

1. Nov. 90

Dear Lady Longmore

I ought to have
written yesterday to tell you
I went down to see Willie
off on Thursday evening - He
seemed in very good spirits
& had a very nice night to
start - I hope he had nearly

Thrown off his cold - I was
Quite unable to come on on
Monday or Tuesday as I had
no A.H.S. in the Hospital, for
Barrows of course had to go
home when his Father was
taken ill - He must have
got worse very rapidly as on
Sunday Val had no idea
he was so seriously ill -

Hoping you have good news
of Willie

Believe me

Sincerely yrs

Howard W. W.

HÔTEL DE L'EUROPE

Corso Vittorio Emanuele

MILAN

L 54/8

Saturday aftⁿ

Nov^r 1st

1890

My dearest Mother

When I got to Bâle yesterday evening it was so cold & nasty that I thought waiting there & having to get up early in the morning again would be worse than going straight on to Milan as I was told all the carriages were well ~~to~~ heated. So I went on & was as comfortable as one could expect to be. I had a whole seat to myself & was too hot. Because I hoped to get into warm sun etc here I don't like to disoblige you on the subject. I wish there was sun or any thing else warm! It has rained ever since I left home & continues cheerfully! I must say it is rather hard, but Venice I hope will be better & more lively. I think it always rains near the Italian Lakes.

It was snowing hard above ~~the~~ a
certain height on either side of the tunnel,
but it was not cold, not so cold as
in the region of rain down below.
If it is very bad I shall not go on
tomorrow, anyhow not till the aftⁿ
after which. I was at this Hotel when
I stayed here in '86 & I thought it was
rather nice. I don't think much of
it now & am rather sorry I did not
go to the Continental where I stayed
with the Goulays. I don't think there
is anything very delightful to tell
you as it is not much good going
on scuttling. There is a nice looking
^{English} lady & her daughter here, who I shall
try & make acquaintance with, they
were talking of some boy who was
working at "Captain Pinner's".
I'll write again tomorrow & hope I
shall tell you the sun is shining there.
Best love to you all - Will
I shall think of you tomorrow.

N.B. Sul lato anteriore si scrive soltanto l'indirizzo.

90

CARTOLINA POSTALE

(CENT. 10.)



Lady Longmore
The Paddock, Woolstone
Southampton
(Inghilterra)

P.L.D. S.S. 1890
MILAN - HOTEL DE L'EUROPE - MILAN W

L. 54/9
Sunday evening - Nov. 2nd
1890

Dearest M. I hope you have
got my scattered fragments
of P.C.'s 2 letters. Today has
been rather finer than yes-
terday but cold & raw!
A very nice service mg. &
aftⁿ at the English Ch. A
different clergyman to when
we were here in June, but
very nice & a very good ser-
mon indeed. I shall go
straight on to Venice to-
morrow & not stop at Ve-
rona as they say it is
just as cold there as here &
Venice is warmer. Feast of
all saints & the Cathedral
all covered with pictures &
red curtains & lots of country
people in in bright dresses
The whole population eating
"Spagnoli Caldi" I.e. hot
chestnuts, such beauties. 7. night
and my Saturday B.M. 7. if it wd
reach V. before 7th or Brindisi (P.L.D.) 9th

N.B. Sul lato anteriore si scrive soltanto l'indirizzo.

90

CARTOLINA POSTALE

(CENT. 10.)



A Lady Longmore.
Woolstone - N. Southampton.
Inghilterra.
(Provincia di _____)

Grand Hotel. Venice ^{L 54/10}
Monday evening — 1890

Got in here at 7. a.e., leaving
Milan at 1. a.e. - Not sorry
to get away. It is a good
deal warmer here than
it has been anywhere else.
It was not at all cold
rowing up the canal in the
gondola & it feels much
~~much~~ more like sea than
than the cold of Milan.
This hotel looks pretty good
but I have to walk thro
about a mile of old mar-
ble corridors to my room.
The quiet of the gondolas
is lovely after rattling cabs.
I shant go to Cooks tonight
for my letters ~~but~~ & so
I expect I shall write
tomorrow again -
I haven't come across anyone
I know yet.

MILAN - HOTEL DE L'EUROPE - MILAN

54/11
Grand Hotel, Venice
Tuesday evening, Nov. 4

My dear Father.

I got Mother's letter from Cook's office all right this morning. I was awfully sorry to hear that you had been so bad that evening I left home, but was glad to ~~know~~ know you were better again. I hope this may be the last of these attacks for some time & that you will be as free from them as you were last winter. It is wretched work going away & leaving you all but it is nice to think that it is only for such a short time, when so many men would have to be going off for 5 or 6 years. Before we know where we are may will have come round again, at least if time goes as quickly as last year. It was I think entirely my fault about the "Laburnum". I looked up the word & then wrote it afterwards as I was too tired to go up & get the book again -

The smells are pretty bad here but not equal
Cairo. I have not caught any fresh cold
more by God's providence than any thing else
for I have run a good many miles - in writing
this on my knee with my stylograph so it
is rather scribbly - I must be going off to
bed as if I can manage it I want to do a lot
tomorrow. I have a ~~the~~ cabin to myself so far
as Brindisi. I've taken your trifle syrup!
Good night & love to you all
Your affec^d son.
Will.

I must have turned the Al. into La.
I will always print as well as write the
words in future, if I have to use it.
As last there is sunshine, today has been
quite perfect, not exactly hot except
quite in the sun which has just
got here a little of the tropical sting
in it. It is very, very charming going
about in a gondola & the colors are
lovely even now especially the little ^{pegs}
down the little canals with colored shut-
ters & hangings. It is certainly quite the
wrong time to see Venice, spring is
the time, May I should say. The
Piazza, Palace & St Marks are
a gem, but the natives are pretty
disgusting & take no interest in any-
thing. I leave here at 2-o'clock on Friday
& have the whole of Sunday in Brindisi.
I have some acquaintances to go & see
there. There are various people at this
hotel going to Egypt, including a young
doctor & a patient he is looking after.
Will you tell Dr. Davies that Greville
Chester is going over in "Pydasus" -

a very nice service on Sunday
at Milan, we had "Sun of my
Soul" as an evening hymn -
Will you thank Julia for a
letter & for sending me "Wee
Willie Winkie" which I was
very glad to have & liked -
I have met here a man
who was at Corfu with the G's
& myself, he has married
since & is honeymooning, they
are going to India, very wealthy
a very nice fellow & pretty
girl. We used to call him the
"mutton man" as he always
cried for English mutton!
We leave at 2.00 tomorrow.
All day Sunday at Brindisi.
Tell Father I've not heard of D. Gore

HÔTEL DE L'EUROPE

Grand Hôtel de Venise
MILAN

54/12
Thursday evening.
6.40.90

My dear Mother.

Thank you for yours on the
back of Father's today - I was
glad to hear that you were
better again. It is amusing
to hear of there being fine days
at home, we have only had one
day sunshine here, tho' it is
not really cold - It has rained
all day today. It is disappoint-
ing as Venice requires fine
weather & one does not want to
sit in an hotel all day here.
However I went to the Academy
& saw some lovely pictures, only
so many good ones it was hard
to pick out the best & really

look at them. Please tell Father
I have a $\frac{1}{2}$ hypodermic S. &
all varieties of injectable drug.
It is was nice of Ward to come
& stay till it was time for
the steamer to go off. I had
written to Blacker beforehand
& told him I should be at
the S. & D. as I knew he
was going thro Paris that
night. I think I said I
did not care for the Lillo
Et D. it was expensive &
not really good. I expect
Shephard & Mena have
pretty well spoiled me for
other Hotels. There is a very
nice young doctor called
Bobhouse here going out to
Egypt on "Hydroses". He was

at Oxford & is a great friend of
the Aclands', had lived with
Theodore A. in London for some
years # (before S. A's marriage)
He has been working in Koch's
laboratory ~~in~~ & thinks he has
got his lungs infected & so is
trying the Nile (not Koch). He
is a very nice quiet clever
fellow somewhat of G. Graham's
stamp. He is going out to
Mena first of all & up the
Nile on my 1st steamer.

Thanks to Father for having the
microscope put into order.
I'm glad of the meta Scott
& Isabel friendship, I should
think M. S. was really nice
I think I told you we had

till tomorrow morning early. I don't know why
we stay so long, but this is a very dawning
kind of voyage, no one seems at all in a
hurry. If we get on without a "lander" off
Creta we shall do all right. Conkh is

better, but we have not ~~had~~ had weather to
make much difference yet.

I don't it unwise the "Britannia" being in,
the whole place looks so identically the same
tho' the day I was here it was awfully wet

I am - Best love to all -
Well

Tell Charlie
that in the
market I saw
strings of poor
little rats
many of for sale
- there horrible
Station east
them!

My dearest Mother -

Here we are so far after
a very good passage from Venice.
It has been cold but not extremely
so & today is lovely, bright hot
sunshine & quite blue sky, ^{morning}
I must say it is jolly to get
into sunny regions, tho' it shows
rather feebleness to be so easily
affected by the weather, its bright-
ness is the reverse. I have found
a good many Cairo & Alexandria
acquaintance on board, tho' none
of the people I knew well. There
are several of the Irrigation Dept.
people or wives & children on board.
Those nice people the Reids, head
engineer of the Barrage, have gone
back to India again, so there is

L 54/13

100.9.90.
12 00

only one engineer left in charge of the works there. They say Sir Colin is to go to England first of all to be married before returning to Egypt. At home, the Doctor I told you of, is a son of the Bishop of Chester(?) & a very nice fellow indeed. I have had a cabin to myself as far as this & a fellow passenger has just come on board. Cariously enough he went up the Nile with me on the "Komex", one of Sir F. Grenfell's party. He went home in the same cabin on the "Britannia" with Blacker in May. George knew all about poor little Julian & B's engagement to Miss Forsyth.

My big boxes are coming on board here, I saw them on board the ship they came round from England on, so that I shall have no difficulty about getting them at Alexandria. I heard from Dr Gore from Alex. He asked me to dine with him the day I arrive, so I shall probably do so.

There is no church of course today. I looked in to a big R.C. church where High Mass was being celebrated. Simply awful in many ways. Dirty children playing about in groups, women chatting & laughing & the men spitting in all directions. Of course the priests were in the most gorgeous garments, really a good deal like St. Anthony's!!

The mails & passengers come in at 4 p.m. when I expect I shall hear from you. We do not leave here

(2 pp.)

L. 54/14
Hong's Room.
Abdeen Baruaek
Cairo
Friday evening. 14th ^{Pr}
November

My dearest Mother.

Thanks very much for your letter to Brindisi which I got all right just before we started also for the B. M. G. I think I wrote from Brindisi so will go on from there. Altogether we had a very good passage. I think I was only absent from the saloon once which was very good for me. We had a good deal of wind for two days but luckily it was from the S.E. & dead ahead. It was not at all cold & there was wonderfully little sea with it. Nearly every night there was lightening & one night a tremendous storm of rain & very bright lightening which quite lit up our cabin and deck. At Brindisi a good many people

writes in Algeria with Mrs Alice Jones had influenza & was once been much worse. Well, you asked me to be in America & I'm in it now, for it's very hot still in Egypt. The morning we got to Alexandria was perfect. The head of the Quana was on board & he gave me a pass to get all my things thro without any difficulty. I went to the Khedivial Hotel where Dr Lane has staying & so he wanted me to live with him & stayed the night.

joined at Brindisi & our ship was quite full.
I think I told you my cabin companion was an
old friend, not a fellow I could especially
for. Not a gentleman & a burly sort of short man
who generally went to bed after I did & got up
before I did, awake so that I did not see
much of him. I liked a good many of the people
fairly well. One girl a Miss Bernadine Hall
I have known about 12 years. She never seen.
Her people are very wealthy & live at Cannes.
She had great talent for painting & they I think
objected to her studying as an artist & were I

very nasty so she lived by herself
in Paris & worked up one of the great
studios where she soon made a name.
Fanny Jones, Carleton's sister was
working at the same studio &
they made friends. One summer
Carleton J. went to spend the
summer vac. with his sister at
some place in Brittany where
they were painting. Miss Hall was
there too & I believe they fell
very violently in love with each
other. Her people objected strongly
partly because she was a good
deal more wealthy than Carleton
& partly because she was delicate.
I used to hear a good deal about
it at the time as it was just
before when Carleton & self were in
Chas. & saw so much of each
other - now Jones is married to
his cousin & settled down in Cali-
-fax & Miss Hall is going to winter
at Luxor for her health looking
very ill indeed. She spent last

To Miss Graham so must leave off this.
In riding out to Muna to see Blacker tomorrow night. I expect I shall go there about the 18th. It is lucky now poor G. is laid up. He wrote I let you know how he is.
Best mail.

Best love to you all.

Will

receives
Lunch every day

13-2-14 Nov 1890 252/14
I had several things to do in the town & went to C.W.'s office. In the afternoon I drove out to the Medivis gardens & to Ramleh where we stayed in April with Miss Hall & her friend a Miss Greenfield. At the office I got a letter from Graham which made me very sorry indeed from Graham saying that he was in Hospital with fever but that he hoped to be out at the end of the week & saying that Spring would look after me. I came up this morning & Spring met me at the station. Graham is no better, in fact today temperature was higher than it has been & he was very weak. I have not seen him. I rode up just now (5.45) to the Citadel Hospital to call on Brig^{er} ~~Major~~ Major Wood who is in charge but he was out so I was only able to call at

the Hospital & ask after Graham. Tomorrow I hope
I shall be able to see him & will write again
at once & tell you how he is. I have not heard
yet ~~about~~ if he has written to his people.
Spring is out but I shall ask him to come as
he comes in. Of course they asked me to
write & let them know ~~the~~ how he was &
I don't quite know what to do - I must
finish this after mess & it is 7.30 &
we dine at 9.00. It is the mess of the English
Officers in the Staff of the Egyptian Army -

11.00.

Spring & I have just been up to
the Citadel again & went to the
Sisters room. To find out about G.
There we found Surg. M. Wood &
heard that G's temp^r was 104.
but that he was asleep & not
quite so weak. It is awfully sad
but they hope that tomorrow there
may be a crisis & that he may
be better.

I found Bullett staying with
Wood, he had gone to bed but
I invaded his mosquito curtain
& had a little talk with him.
The mosquitos are awfully bad
as yet.

I dined with J. Gore who sent
kindest regards to Father. A
cracked chap called Watson
who jumped over a bridge &
broke both his legs was also
dining. I remember him at
Wetley. I feel I must write

When I got to Cairo it was horrid
to find poor Mr. Graham ill &
there was no good our thinking
of going out hunting jackals
together. He was ill in such a
big room in an old palace.
His room was bigger than all
our house put together & all
the floor was made of lovely
marble. All the sick soldiers
look so funny in the beautiful
rooms of the palace. Mr. Graham
has three very nice chestnut
ponies with white legs & if
he was not ill he was going
to buy another & I expect ride
them in the sports they have
every month at Cairo. But
here I have a pony of my own
to ride, it is not my very
own but belongs to Dr. Blocker.
Its name is "Purity"; it is cream
colored, has a very long tail
& no mane & its nose is pink.
It gallops beautifully & I think
you could almost ride it.

Plant
the seeds in
the hot house
Munroa
(37)

2. 34 157
Mena House Hotel
Nov. 25-90.

My dear Charlie - & Alice,
This is a nursery letter
for you two & if anyone else
wants to look at it you make
them pay a penny a head
for reading it. I've been
meaning & wanting to write
to you for such a long time,
but I don't expect you will
believe it. I have so busy &
had such a lot of things to do
for the last 10 days that I
really have not had much
time to write letters. This is
a sort of birthday letter a
good deal too late, but I hear
you got a very nice knife so
that is all right. When I was
on board the steamer coming
here all the animals of the
ship were just outside my cabin

There were a lot of sheep just outside not like
our sheep, very long legs & very queer noise
just as if they had had a good snack



on them. I had some time to feed
them during the day & feed off
them at night. Then there was a big black
cow who used to low & moan at night,
especially the stormy ones & then the cow
used to lie & moan & I used to lie & groan
& we used to feel very odd. I expect I wish
it was morning & calm



waters & green pastures



When we were quite a long way
out at sea a green liner
~~came~~ came on board & some
people caught it & put it in
a cage till we came near a
small island & then they let
it go & it flew off towards the
land. A little while afterwards
a huge great crane came
flying after the ship & flew
with us higher than the top
of the masts for some time.
Then it flew off towards the near-
est part of Africa & I expect
got there a good deal before us,
but tho' we were steaming about
14 miles an hour, it looked
like a big Japanese kite
flying up aloft.



I can't draw
today

I have such a funny boy for my servant here. He is an Arab, called Anani & he wears a long white thumg like a night gown, a red cap, red belt & red shoes. He comes & wakes me up every morning & brings me some tea. He follows me about all day & goes messages wherever I want him. Luckily he speaks English very well but I generally try & talk Arabic to him for practise. I have him to Cairo today (Thursday, 27th) & got a letter from Mother & a couple of papers. Mother's letter was begun on Sunday. 16th.

25 Nov. 1898 254/15
Unluckily poor Parity has had a bad foot & I was only able to ride him once & then he had to go to Cairo to have some different kind of shoes put on. I can ride lots of other ponies. They have such a big stable here about 40 ponies & horses. We have had a poor dog very ill here & once I thought I should have to cut off its leg. Mrs Locke brings her white poodle called "Maki" was set on by 6 or 7 pariah dogs & very badly bitten in the leg. His leg swelled awfully & we thought it had an abscess & I opened it. It was not an abscess, but afterwards it got so bad that we gave it chloroform & were going to try & stop it bleeding somehow. Luckily we were able to do so & now it is all right again & running about.

yesterday a lot of people went out on promises to hunt the pariah dogs. When they saw one they all rode after it in a long line & tried to keep it from dodging back so as to get them as far away from the Hotel as possible. In a few days time a gentleman is going to bring out some big sort of rough greyhound who hunts jackals, foxes or anything the game can find & we are going to have a hunt among the rocks in the desert behind the hotel & try if we can get a run on our ponies after the greyhounds. We had a great time on here the other day. The Prince of

Sweden is living here & the Rhedine, the ~~son~~ two sons of the Czar of Russia & the Crown Prince of Greece all came out to pay him a visit. There were lots of outriders in lovely dresses. Plenty of soldiers, some on horse & some on camels. Lots of fine old arab sheikhs on beautiful thoroughbred arab horses. Lots of guns firing & bands & flags & horn-toms. After the Rhedine had paid his visit the rest of us went up the Pyramid & had lots of arabs to help haul them up. When they got to the top all the arabs shouted & they fired off a lot of old guns & then had what they call a "fantasia" below. That's a kind of sham fight with lots of noise & flags & plenty of horses kicking about & every one gets very excited & no one quite knows when it ends.

25 Mar. 1890

L. 54/15

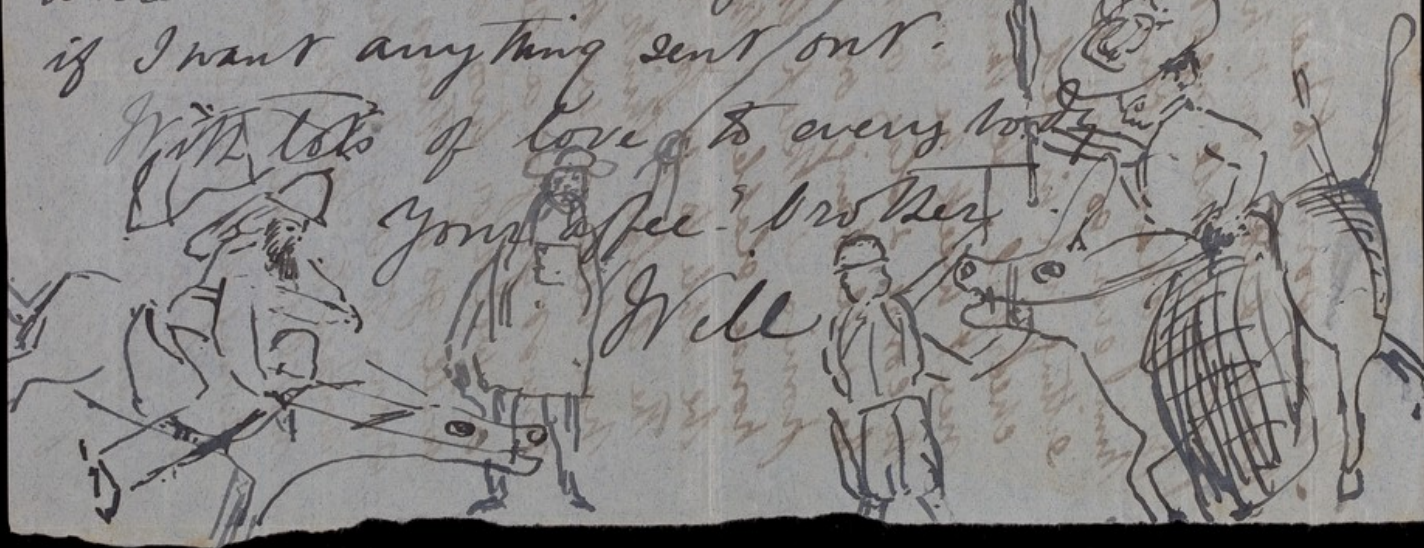
I was sorry to hear Jack had been home saddy but hope you soon put him all right. I went to see Mr. Graham again today & found him ever so much better & was sitting up in bed & looking quite cheerful. He thinks perhaps by next week he will be well enough to come & stay out here & I expect he will bring one or two of his ponies & keep them in the mena house stables & that we shall be able to go for rides together. The doctors think that after he has been a week here that he must go for a sea voyage for a week or two so perhaps he will go to Athens & then I'm sorry to say he has to go right away to ~~the~~ Guakim & I shall not be able to see him again during the winter. Today I met in Cairo a nurse called Miss Potter who was at the R.S.H. Infirmary with me & nursed me

When I was ill there. If you see Mrs Ward
Please tell him she was looking very well &
had missed her boat so that she had a
week to wait at Cairo. Tell Mother I will
write to her in a day or two & tell her
if I want anything sent out.

With lots of love to every body

Your affec. Brother

Will



L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté. ✕ بهذا الوجه يتكرر العنوان فقط

اتحاد البريولته العام
مصر
تذكروة بريولته

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A Lady Langmore
Woolstone
N. Southampton
England



1890 J. 54/16
Mena Hotel, N. Cairo, Friday. 21st

I'm sorry not to have written
the last few days, but since
I have been out here (Monday)
I have been quite busy with a
lot of letters to write & a good
many drabs on my hands...
There are hundreds of people still
working here to damage them-
selves. On Tuesday I was in
Cairo to see Blacker off & had
a good chat with Graham.
I hope now if he does not have
another relapse that he will
soon be regaining strength & per-
haps come out there. Thanks for
two letters, for Ronie, Isabel,
& also me from H. in London.
I will write probably on Sunday
& tell you any news there are.
Love to C. I have a letter half-
written to him. Glad C. M. D. will
act. Yr. lov. S. M.

Cook's Nile Service



P. S. "TEWFIK"

Cook's Nile Service



P. S. "TEWFIK"

PASSENGER LIST P. S. "TEWFIK" *L. 54/18*
LEAVING CAIRO, DECEMBER 16th 1890 FOR LUXOR AND ASSOUAN

Dr. Longmore

1. Mr. A. Baring
2. Mrs. Baring
3. Mr. E. W. Fuller
4. Mr. Neustadter
5. Mrs. Neustadter
6. Miss L. F. Randolph
7. Miss C. L. Ransome
8. Miss R. Curtis
9. Miss C. M. Sterns
10. Miss E. M. Richey
11. Mrs. L. B. Stephens
12. Miss Stephens
13. Miss Stephens

14. Master Stephens
15. Dr. E. Hobhouse
16. Mr. Weyman
17. Capt Hardy
18. Mrs. Hardy
19. Miss Hardy
20. Miss A. Crowley
21. Miss C. Brownlow
22. Drs. Francis Hoggan
23. Mr. W. Frere
24. Dr. W. Morris
25. Mrs. Morris

Mr. Tolomei, Manager

Saturday m^g.
 I have got this m^g. a letter
 from Isabel & you dated 27th.
 I was glad to hear of you all.
 Will you thank I. for hers.
 Glad to know I. had gone back
 to town better & that H. was
 quite fit. I must write to him
 in this letter if I can do so.
 Tell I. I'm awfully pleased to
 hear he has settled the Mae-
 -man date. I suppose he must
 have come on some unexpected
 document. I can hardly con-
 -ceive the weather being as
 you describe. Here it has not
 been perfect like it is at Luxor
 but still all day we have
 windows wide open & can gene-
 -rally sit or walk about on the
 roof at night with only a light
 coat on. Tell Charlie I went to
 a "Gymkhana" meeting yesterday
 afternoon & had rather fun.
 I drove in to Cairo directly after
 lunch in a pony cart with my

Don't you
 all
 Nile
 you send
 my epistles
 to brother?

L. 54/17
 Mena Hotel
 Dec. 25-90.

My dearest mother...

I'm afraid I have not done
 my duty somehow the last week or
 two at least I don't seem to have
 written to you personally for a long
 while. I got a P.C. from Father
 2 days ago & you had just got
 my first two letters from Egypt
 telling you of Graham's illness
 etc. He said you had written on the
 Sunday before but I have not got
 that letter yet so it must have
 gone wrong somewhere. I expect
 I shall get some tomorrow. I'm
 glad to say Graham is really
 getting all right now. He is still
 playing with Dr. Rogers & is not
 coming out to Mena Hotel. Instead
 of going to Athens he is going to have
 a run up the Nile to Assuan &
 back on a new steamer called
 the "Hatasoo" leaving Cairo on

Wednesday next the 70th Dec. I was booked to go up on the 76th, but I have got it home to see patients for me on the Tenpik & am going up with Graham on the Hatasoo. I shall leave the Hatasoo at dusk & catch the Tenpik & take her back to Cairo. This is a very good arrangement as otherwise I should see nothing of Graham. Also he won't believe he has been really seriously ill & I shall be able to look after him a bit. Mr. Cook & Kingsford go & up on Hatasoo & most of the people in board will be officers & their wives as they are to be taken cheap. Blacker comes back on Monday & on Tuesday I shall go into Cairo & pick up my goods at Aden.

I lie off early on Wednesday morning. I have enjoyed my three weeks here, tho' I have been a great deal of worry & difficultly to get things done owing to too many cooks in the management. I must say I don't like leaving these comfortable rooms & going back to a cabin & gun! I was glad to know by one of your last letters that Dio had seen Henry & found him quiet & better. Also that C. M. O. will act. I think what they are doing is right. I hope those bond papers you spoke about are found all right. I have been writing to Mrs Alex. Mackenzie - J.E. Mrs Brand & Cecil who is setting very late so I had better postpone finishing this.

hen up the Nile & is very excited about seeing
all the Antiquities, she is very like a child in
those ways as of course like all modern women
she is much stult up. Her children speak
English perfectly & are very nice I believe.
The weather is perfectly ideal now here, bright
warm sunshine from early morning till about
5.30. then such a glorious hot rather dangerous
sunset. Now I wish you could enjoy some of this
weather. I have a cold in my head which I hope
to soon get rid of here -

With much love,
your affec. son, Willie

(2pp)

L. 54.49

Luxor Hotel
Dec. 19. 1890.

My dear Father

Will you get for me
a practical Arabic Grammar.
Brigade Major A.O. Greene
Clarendon Press - 1887. (Part I)
I think it costs about 5/- also
if Mother has not sent it I should
be glad of J. Smith's Nolo. Diary
for 1891. I find the Arabic book
I have is too complicated & Greene
seems to be capital, most of the
Army men out here use it. There
was an interesting Syrian gentleman
on board the "Satavoo". He had been
Professor of Philosophy at the Beyrout
American College & is now owner &
Editor of the "Muhattam" the
great Arabic newspaper. He told
me not to bother about the syntax
till I could read & translate fairly
well as the rules were often only
used in classical Arabic & were
practically useless.

Graham I'm glad to say has made a capital recovery. He & Dr Rogers evidently mutually like each other very much & I think Graham is helping D. R. a good deal with literary work. Graham says that Rogers is the most able all round man he has yet come across in the M. S. Graham has now to serve a year as P. M. O. at Ouakin & then after 3 or 4 months leave comes back to Cairo or Assouan. D. & Mrs. Johnson & his sister in-law are now at the Inna Hotel, I saw them once or twice before leaving Cairo. Dr J. is delighted with the climate

& they all seemed pretty cheerful but he is evidently not up to a great deal. He can walk very little & wants to sit down often. I am glad to say they go up the river on the "Tusfik" with me on Jan. 6th.

I stay here till the 26th now which I shall enjoy. I shall probably stay on at the Hotel tho' the steamer ^(Tusfik) comes up on the 22nd as it is rather dryer & warmer up here. There are not many people in the Hotel as yet & those that are here don't seem very interesting. Last year the Cook family & my friends the Johnsons of the Police were up & he had a very lively time. The Khedive, Khedivah & family do a royal visit up the Nile to Halfa in January but I think the Tusfik will be a little behind them all the while. Mrs Khedive has never

Moi - meme - I have had my
meala cut off by Hobhouse & have
got rid of a good deal of tickling
& hacking cough thereby. It was
painful for a few days but is heal-
ing now. It has not I think made
a great deal of difference to the
cough in the morning, but that
is rather better, I'm well in myself
I must close this now as I ought
to write several other letters.

Tell Harry I should not put a
centre board in the dingy, but hire
a common & small hua boat
or Fild's centre board for 2 or
3 weeks at Amas, it ~~will~~ won't
cost much more, I will sub-
scribe £1 towards it. He might
try chambers for one term & see
how he gets on, but I don't
think if he could be out of
London the first summer it
w^d be a good thing.

The seeds are from a very pretty
shrub in this garden wh. grows very
freely.

2
19 Dec. 1890

L. 54/19

Arab boy Anani. The pony I
was driving had only been in a
cart two or three times before
& wanted to go arab Carter
all the way. Driving in Cairo
is rather difficult, you always
have to keep to the right & the
Arabs never get out of your
way. One goes dodging in &
out among the donkeys & camels
men selling sugar cane & water
carrier jingling & rattling their
brass cups. You have to
keep shouting all the while -
"O, ah, reglac, ya gamoose
hind your toes, O duffer -
al' a shatnalac, ya sith,
keep to your left, O woman.
al' a, menac, ya homar.

Go to the right, donkey. etc.
One is very lucky if you kill or
maim only one or two folk in
your drive - After doing what
I had to do in Cairo I drove
out to Giza where the races

were going on. There was a four in hand coach with all the people from Mena ~~was~~ on it, Graham Spring, the Rogers, Genl & Mrs Baker & good many other friends (including Dr Ricketts Morse). A tandem race was very good, a fellow rode one pony & drove the other tandem in front with - out any cart, four couples started & two went splendidly & came in close together at a tremendous pace. One couple would not go at all & danced round & round in the middle of the course. The man driving has hardly any control over the horse in front. They had a Veterans race for Generals & Admirals.

with time allowance for years of service. That was great fun, Sir F. Grenfell, Dormer, Baring, old Surgⁿ General Jamieson & Admiral Blomfield ran. The Admiral won tho he nearly fell down half way. I sent my pony cart home & drove back on the coach & our four horses galloped most of the way. Such a lovely sun-set deep orange & pink behind the pyramids which were reflected in the canal at the side of the road. There are one or two very nice people at the hotel but not many. An old Lady Montagu Pollack & daughters, cousins of the Swanage people, patients of Dr Frank, rather funny.

CARTE POSTALE EGYPTIENNE

Miss R. L. Longmore
Woolstone
W. Southampton
England



تذكرة بوسطة مصر

Lusor Hotel - Dec. 23. 90. L 54/20

Lots of thanks for your letter, Charlie,
Mother & cards. Also P.C. - cards
& papers from F. I will write by
next mail but am very busy
at present arranging all sorts of
things for Xmas from Donkey paper
chases to carol singing!

T.M.M.H.

of Basil' mishap. I cannot tell you how the
holly is as the box was not turned up! I
got a notice of its arrival only a day or two
ago & after signing the receipt sent a boy to
the P.O. for it. He put a parcel in my cabin
which I supposed was it & did not look at
till after the "Tewfik" left Suez, I then
found it was the wrong parcel & I suppose
the holly in your box is still at Suez
P.O. I'm sorry after all the trouble Mother
had taken about it, but as Imas is over it
does not much matter. There has been very
little sickness on board & I have only made
about £3 since I have been out. Dr. W. Spence

(2pp)
P. T. "Tewfik"
(for Abydos) Behtianah
Jan. 1. 91.

My dear Father

I got your letter of the 15th
of December at Suez yesterday.
Thank you for it & for the medical
paper with portrait of Koch.
Also to Isabel for her letter wh.
came by the same post. My
B. M. Jo have up to the present
come all right. Taking off the
end of my uvula has stopped
a good deal of hacking cough
at odd times & made it less
hard. After leaving Mena &
while on the "Halaabo" I got a
rather bad cold & so have had
more cough than I should have
had otherwise. I'm feeling well
& if I don't get any fresh
cold while in or near Cairo I
shall ~~be~~ hope to quite get over
the effects of the cold especially

As by the middle of January the weather begins to get warmer. As a whole it has been a good deal warmer & better weather as yet this year than last year. This day last year was intensely cold, the thermometer as low as 35° during the night, today tho there is a cold wind it is bright & sunny. Yesterday at dusk I went for a good long donkey ride thro' the fields & directly after breakfast. They are just finishing cutting the sugar cane & have cleared off the Abura crop, the wheat & barley is about a foot high, the clovers & peas are

just coming in to flower. In another 3 weeks the whole country will be green. It is just mid winter here, but already the larks are beginning to sing, the hoopoes & bee-eaters are all over the place & it quite looks like spring. From 9-11 a.m. it is very delightful at dusk even on the hot days as everything is so clear bright & fresh. I only wish as I said in my last letter that I could share it with you all. I wish you had a good dressing room behind the study that could get part of the heat of the stove. I have been very sorry to know of all your trouble & anxiety over the unfortunate loss of the bonds. Mother had pretty well told me all about it, but I was glad to know all the details & shall put your letter away for future reference if necessary. I'm sorry to hear

Will you please pay my sub-
scription to the B. M. Assn. &
if you & Harry think worth while
to the Castle Yacht Club.

2

L 54/21

Jan. 1891

who took charge of the ship
for me to Limer made a couple
of quineas which I was glad of.
He is off to New Zealand at the
end of January as he does not
care for the life here & does not
think the climate has done him
much good. I think I told you he
was working in Koch's laboratory.
Last year, he hopes to go back
to Berlin next June for the
special treatment & is going to
keep in communication with
me. His father was the old Bishop
who was staying in Rockland House
this year while you were down there.
There are only 20 on board this
boat now & not an interesting lot.
They are not bad at my table
a Capt. Mrs & Miss Hardy from
near Dublin. They are wealthy
people & he is President of
the Board of Trade, I believe.
Was in the Navy & knows Capt. M.
Fullerton. The others are a

nice young American doctor & his wife who are
doing a prolonged honeymoon round the world.
Bellianah is the Great penguin lower town of
upper Egypt, there are just thousands of them
here. I had not had much shooting since
I came out so I took the small boat &
moored near a sand bank where they come
down to drink. There was a good wind &
so they came over at a great pace & gave
one pretty good shot. I had some very bad
german cartridges I had got at Luxor & fired
about 80 of them in an hour & a half. Killed
about 35 pigeons & ought to have got more but a
some of the cartridges had half charge for small birds.

These sandbanks are always in-
teresting as one generally sees some
good birds, lots of hawks & fal-
cons. I'm sorry to hear Major
Fawkes has been so ~~the~~ nasty, it
is almost a pity not to have
heard what he had to say. Mr.
Graham will not have gone to
Suakin when I get back to Cairo
so I expect we shall ride over
to Mensa House on Monday aft 11 &
I shall very likely stay the night
there. I go up again on the ~~the~~ this
boat so I hope I shall not have
to change cabins. The Jotoons come
up on the 6th too. We have
just heard the Rheine & the
Crown P. of Sweden leave the
same day which will be a great
excitement. I will send you some
Egyptian Gazettes about it.
Please thank Charlie for his
letter & with love to you all.
Yours affec^t & son.

Will
Do take care & ~~not~~ try & walk
in the foggy cold.

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté. ✕ بهذا الوجه يتحرر العنق ان فقط

اتحاد الپوسته العام
مصر
تذكرة پوسته

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A Lady Longmore
Woolstone
N. Southampton
England

Assiout. Friday n^t Jan. 2. ^{L 54/22}
1891

Many thanks for yours of 18th
& Father's of 23rd with card
& Newspaper cutting. Also for Times
& G. H. G. - I have written to F.
Heard from Mr Threlfall, Miss
Goulday & a long letter from Ella
Laurence writing cheerfully of
them all. Very sorry to hear
of Norie. Have just been
dining with the Johnsons here
with a Col^l Gosset, commanding
Dorset Reg^t & an artist from
Cairo. Several flocking boats
are in & the whole Nile is a
state of fantasia about the
Khedive who starts tomorrow
for Upper Egypt. Please thank
Julia for some ~~to~~ New Year
cards, very pretty ones - Am
keeping well & have a com-
-fortable cabin. I wrote to Harry
or you about chambers. Will

L. 54/23a

REPORT
OF THE
LUXOR HOSPITAL
FOR NATIVES,
UPPER EGYPT.

Report of the Luxor Hospital for Natives of Upper Egypt.

MR. JOHN M. COOK invites the attention of all visitors to Upper Egypt to the Hospital which has been established at Luxor, purely in the interests of the natives of Upper Egypt. He hopes that everyone interested in hospital work, or in attempts to benefit the poor natives of the country, will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting the Hospital, and seeing for themselves the work that is being carried out by Dr. T. W. M. Longmore (the English physician resident at the Luxor Hotel) and his native assistant, Dr. Mahomet-el-Hakim.

ACCOUNT OF THE OPENING OF THE HOSPITAL BY H. H. THE LATE KHEDIVE.

In January, 1891, His Highness the late Khedive left Cairo on a voyage to the Second Cataract. At all the principal points *en route* His Highness was met by Mr. J. M. Cook, in order that nothing might be wanted to ensure the comfortable progress of His Highness. On the return voyage His Highness was graciously pleased during his stay at Luxor to open the Hospital which had recently been built by the exertions and liberality of Mr. (now Sir) John S. Brunner, M.P., Mr. J. M. Cook, and many Nile visitors.

In compliance with the wishes of His Highness, those travellers who happened to be at Luxor were invited to attend, as well as all the leading natives who were assembled at Luxor, and at 4-30 p.m. His Highness was received by Mr. John M. Cook, the English doctor in attendance at the Hotel, the resident doctor in charge of the Hospital, and the chaplain at Luxor.

After a careful inspection of the wards and all the appointments, His Highness listened to the following short address from Mr. John M. Cook :—

“Highness—The hospital which you are now honouring by your presence has been built and the land purchased with money subscribed by travellers on the Nile, under the arrangements of Thomas Cook and Son. It is intended solely for the benefit of the natives of this district, who will be admitted and supplied with everything necessary to meet their individual cases, *both surgical and medical, free of charge*. The hospital has been constructed upon a similar principle to the Egyptian military hospital on the Island of Elephantine, by plans kindly prepared by Kaimakan Drage Bey, of the Egyptian Army, and the building has been carried out by Hadji Mohamed Abou Elewa, a native of Luxor, and chief dragoman of Thomas Cook and Son.

“I have pleasure in undertaking that the necessary amount for its support, including the salaries of the medical officer and attendants, and all drugs and appliances, shall be subscribed either by the travellers or myself.

“It may interest Your Highness to know that since 1875 the medical gentlemen we have sent to Luxor to attend to the travellers have taken a personal interest in the natives, many of whom, especially during the last three years, have come long distances to receive medical attendance and medicine from the English doctor, which

has been supplied in all cases gratis—on several days as many as 80 to 100 patients per day, including many women, having received advice and medicine. We have, therefore, during the past three years, seen the necessity of such an institution at Luxor, and I now have the honour and pleasure of presenting it through you to the people of this district, and have to ask Your Highness to graciously declare it open to patients.”

To which His Highness made the following gracious reply :—

“Sir—I am happy at the opportunity you offer me to consecrate by my presence, and by my voice, the charitable edifice you have projected for the benefit of the poor inhabitants of this part of Egypt, bestrewn with the mutilated monuments of its past grandeur, and which you have accomplished with the concurring contributions of the travellers who, by the facilities you offer them, yearly visit this ancient country.

“If these imposing remains of Luxor and Karnak testify to the might and power of those who erected those majestic temples, the humble edifice you have raised to Charity shall make people think of the goodness of your heart : and the gratitude of those who shall be healed in it of their diseases and maladies shall bear witness to it before the Lord of heavens and earth. Let His mercy be spread over all of us. According to your desire, I declare this hospital open to the poor sick of this district.”

The Luxor Hospital is, therefore, now open for natives, and to give an idea of the necessity of such an institution, and how it is appreciated, it may be stated that on the day of opening over 50 were waiting for the doctor's attention. Up to the spring of 1895 medical and surgical treatment was afforded to 13,360 cases, representing daily diet for in-patients, for whom about 261 operations were performed, and no less than 19,540 out-patients have been relieved, of whom

about 3,069 were female. During last year 297 in-patients were treated, the daily average of in-patients being over 17. 6,363 diets were issued and 96 operations performed. The Hospital is built in separate blocks, and the wards are divided into surgical, medical, diseases of women, ophthalmic, and special. Each ward is isolated from the other, and there are 26 beds, available for in-patients.

During the past two years the Hospital has been altered, added to, and thoroughly repaired, and recent modifications of important surgical instruments have been purchased. Most of our patients come from Luxor, Karnak, or the numerous villages scattered over the thickly populated Theban plain, but not a few journey from much greater distances, travelling slowly from village to village until they reach the Hospital.

The amount required to fully support the Hospital is about £500 per annum, but it must also be remembered that the steady increase in the number of patients will demand a slight increase of income, even though our present cost per in-patient is only half the cost for 1892-93.

Our calculations for last year show the daily average expense for in-patients to have been about 1s. 6d., no allowance being made for out-patients.

The total daily expense of carrying on the Hospital is about £1 7s. 0d., and for this sum, 17 in-patients and 16 out-patients are treated daily.

At this rate, a *Donation of £10* will support five in-patients for a month each and also defray

the expenses of treating 120 out-patients, and an *Annual Subscription of £2 2s 0d.* will support one in-patient for a month, besides defraying the cost of 25 out-patients.

Everyone taking part in hospital management will realise that in no other part of the globe can a hospital show such a large result for so comparatively small an annual outlay.

H.H. the Khedive Abbas Helmy Pacha having expressed to Mr. John M. Cook his appreciation of the work conducted at the Hospital, and having assured him of his approval and sanction, and received an assurance from Mr. John M. Cook that the Hospital shall be kept open without any cost to the Egyptian Government, or to the natives, this Report is issued as an appeal to all who may feel disposed to help, to do so by giving their contributions either to Dr. Longmore or the Chaplain, at Luxor, to the Managers of the Steamers, or to any of the Agents of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son (Egypt), Ltd.

—:0:—

NOTE.—*The best time to see the Hospital is during the afternoon, when either Dr. Longmore or the Rev. C. B. Huleatt (the Chaplain) will be always pleased to show visitors over the wards and to give any information concerning the Hospital work.*



THE
LUXOR HOSPITAL FOR NATIVES.

OPENING BY HIS HIGHNESS THE KHEDEVE.

During the visit of His Highness the Khedive to Upper Egypt His Highness opened personally the Hospital for natives which has been erected at Luxor through the liberality of travellers under the arrangements of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son.

From the date of opening of the Hotel at Luxor in 1875 the English medical gentlemen staying at the Hotel to attend to the travellers have evinced considerable interest in the diseases of the natives and, during the last two or three years, Mr. J. M. Cook has been impressed with the absolute necessity of a small hospital being established at Luxor, not only for the inhabitants of the village itself but for those who have come long distances to receive advice, medicine and surgical aid from the English doctors; he therefore decided to carry out his idea as soon as possible, and during the last two or three seasons appeals have been made to the travellers, and through them and the sum liberally given by Mr. J. M. Brunner, M. P., land was purchased this year, and the hospital erected in time for His Highness to publicly open it on the 26th ulto.

In compliance with the wishes of His Highness those travellers who happened to be at Luxor and who wished to witness the ceremony were invited to attend as well as all the leading natives who were assembled at Luxor to meet His Highness, and at 4.30 p.m. His Highness was received by Mr. J. M. Cook, Dr. Gibson, the English doctor in attendance at the Hotel, who, like his predecessors, is taking an interest in the hospital, Dr. Zeeidan, who has been appointed the resident doctor in charge of the hospital, and the Rev. Mr. Hiclett the Chaplain at Luxor.

After a careful inspection of the wards and all the offices and appointments His Highness listened to the following short address from Mr. J. M. Cook.

"Highness—The hospital which you are now honouring by your presence has been built and the land purchased with money subscribed through me by travellers on the Nile under the arrangements of Thomas Cook and Son—it is intended solely for the benefit of the natives of this district who will be admitted and supplied with everything necessary to meet their individual cases, both surgical and medical, free of charge;—the hospital has been constructed upon a similar principle to the Egyptian military hospital on the Island of Elephantine by plans kindly prepared for me by Kaimakam Drage of the Egyptian Army and the building has been carried out by Hadji Mohamed Abou Kiewa, a native of Luxor and chief dragoman of Thomas Cook and Son.

"I have pleasure in undertaking that the necessary amount for its support, including the salaries of the medical officer and attendants, and all drugs and appliances, shall be subscribed either by the travellers or myself.

"It may interest Your Highness to know that since 1875 one or other of the medical gentlemen we have sent to Luxor to attend to the travellers has taken a personal interest in the natives, and many natives, especially during the last 3 years, have come long distances to receive medical attendance and medicine from the English doctor, which has been supplied in all cases gratis—on several days as many as 30 to 100 patients per day, including many women, having received advice and medicine. We have therefore during the past few years seen the necessity of such an institution at Luxor and I now have the honour and pleasure of presenting it through you to the people of this district and have to ask Your Highness to graciously declare it open to patients."

To which His Highness made the following gracious reply:—

"Sir—I am happy at the opportunity you offer me to concur in by my presence and by my voice the charitable edifice you have projected for the benefit of the poor inhabitants of this part of Egypt beset with the maledictions of men—ments of its past grandeur and which you have accomplished with the concurring contributions of the travellers who by the facilities you offer them yearly visit this ancient country.

"If these imposing remains of Luxor and Karnak testify to the might and power of those who erected these majestic temples, the humble edifice you have raised to Charity shall make people think of the goodness of your heart and the gratitude of those who shall be healed in it of their diseases and maladies shall bear witness to it before the Lord of heavens and earth.

"Let his mercy be spread over all of us.

"According to your desire I declare this hospital open to the poor sick of this district."

The Luxor hospital is therefore now open for the natives of that district and to give an idea of the necessity of such an institution

and how it is appreciated it may be stated that two days before the opening by His Highness, although the medical officer was not supposed to receive any natives he gave advice and medicines to 45 patients and on the day of opening over 50 were waiting for his attention.

On leaving the hospital His Highness drops direct to the Luxor Hotel where he spent some time in walking through the grounds and conversing with a few of the travellers who had the honour of being known to him, H. H. being conducted through the hotel and grounds by Mr. J. M. Cook and Mr. Pagnon to whom he expressed his astonishment at finding such a large establishment with such fine gardens and grounds in Upper Egypt.

SAID and ISMAILIA, arriving every Wednesday afternoon or evening.

From NAPLES to PORT-SAID and ISMAILIA leaving NAPLES, February 14 and 28.

FARES BETWEEN	AND	1st Saloon	
		Port-Said	Ismailia
PORT-SAID	Marsa Matruh	£14	£10
	Maria	£10	£10
	Gibraltar	£12	£12

P. & O. Passengers are LANDED and EMBARKED on application to the representative of the Company. Baggage will be conveyed between the land and the ship at an inclusive fee of 2s. each person.

All fares between Ismailia and all Ports to the westward.

P. & O. Brindisi Express

A special sleeping and restaurant car service is attached to the Indian mail train from Brindisi to Calcutta. Passengers from Egypt by P. & O. Steamers Port-Said Agency only.

Railway ticket Brindisi to London ...
Sleeping car ticket Brindisi to Calcutta

For all further information apply to the Company

T. C. ...
THOS. COOKE & CO.
G. R.

ALEXANDRIA-BRINDISI

FORTNIGHTLY

Departures from ALEXANDRIA, Wednesday 25, March 11 and 25.

Passengers and Cargo also taken, via Brindisi and LONDON.

SINGLE.	FARES		O P
	1st Saloon	2nd Saloon	
BRINDISI	£ 9	£ 6	BR
ANCONA or VENICE	£10	£ 7	AN
PLYMOUTH or LONDON	£12	£10	PL

For further particulars apply to the Company's Agents.

Orient Line of Royal Mail Steamships

OUTWARDS to AUSTRALIA (in about 21 days) ...
H.M.S. ORFEO ... will ...
HOMWARDS to NAPLES (34 days), GENOA (40 days), LONDON (46 days) ...
H.M.S. ORFEO ... will ...

N.B.—Homeward steamers are sometimes before ...
Fares: ...
Agents in Cairo:—THOMAS COOKE & SON.
" " Alexandria:—H. J. Moss & Co.

For all further information
WILLIAM STAPLEDON, Port-Said.

ADMINISTRATIVE

PAQUEBOTS - POST

DIRECT LINE WITH GREAT BRITAIN
Departures from ALEXANDRIA every Wednesday ...
Arrivals at ALEXANDRIA every Monday morning.

SYRIAN
Departure from ALEXANDRIA every Thursday ...
Arrivals at ALEXANDRIA every Saturday morning.

RED SEA
Fortnightly departure from SUEDZ every alternate ...
Arrivals at SUEDZ every alternate Tuesday morning.

N.B.—During the prevalence of cholera in Syria ...
Particulars to be obtained of the ...

Thos. Cooke & Co.

NEAR SHEPHEARD'S
PLACE MOHAMET ALI, NEAR
PORT-SAID, GEO. ROYLE & CO.
& NEAR THE HOTEL VICTORIA

Sole owners of the ONLY FIRST CLASS STEAMERS
on the NILE.
SOLE CONTRACTORS to the Egyptian Government
conveyance of mails, &c. between LOWER and UPPER EGYPT.
SOLE OWNERS of NEW DAHABIEH
every improvement to ensure fast sailing.

[February 2, 1891.]

CREDIT LYONNAIS

AGENCES D'EGYPTE
ALEXANDRIE—LE CAIRE—PORT SAID.

Avances sur Marchandises,
Consignations.

Le CREDIT LYONNAIS fait des avances sur marchandises, telles que COTONS, RAINES DE COTON, CEREALES, SUCRES, etc.

Il reçoit également des marchandises en dépôt libre avec droits de magasinage, soit en consignation pour la vente en Egypte ou à l'étranger.

5409-123190

PLACE MOHAMET ALI, NEAR
PORT-SAID, GEO. ROYLE.
& NEAR THE HOTEL V

Sole owners of the ONLY FIRST
on the NILE.

SOLE CONTRACTORS to the E
conveyance of mails, &c. between LOWER and
SOLE OWNERS of NEW DAHABE
every improvement to ensure fast sailing
luxurious fittings for the comfort of first class

AGENTS FOR ALL LINES OF
PARTS OF T

Owners of the largest and best stock
Syria available for one or more passengers
SINAITIC DESERT, PALMYRA, BAGDA

Tickets to all parts of ENGLAND

The new first class tourist steamer "RAI
LUXOR, ASSOAN & PHILAE, with throu
HALFA, etc.

First class mail steamers leave C

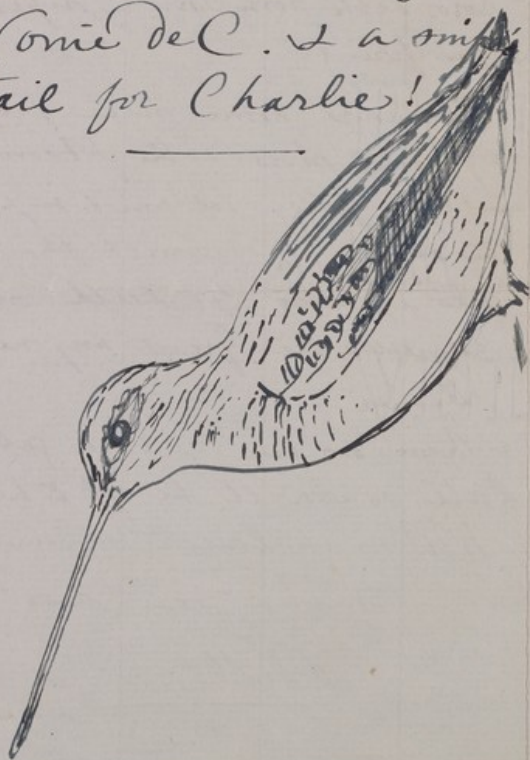
RAINES DE COTON, CEREALES,

SUCRES, etc.

Il reçoit également des marchandises
soit en dépôt libre avec droits de magasi-
nage, soit en consignation pour la vente en
Egypte ou à l'étranger.

5409-123190

Enclosed is a note for
 Nonie de C. & a snipe
 tail for Charlie!



(2 pp.) at Luxor, Dec^r Jan. 25th

J. J. Newfink

L 54/24
 Tuesday, Jan. 13 1891

My Dear Father

It is only a day or two since I wrote at Assiout, but we go on to Assouan on Friday & so don't catch the mail unless the letter goes off by the post boat leaving here tonight. I think I pretty well answered your P.C. of Dec^r 30 & mother's letter in my last. I was sorry to see hear of D. Gori's death, but from what you told me before I left England I was not surprised. I hope by now for your sake especially that you have milder weather & that all the various coughs & colds are better. This little book Green's Arabic grammar wh

you had sent from the U. & N.
is particularly good & if I got
on well with it I will get
you to send for the 2nd Vol;
but not yet.

Gibson the new Doctor at the
Luxor Hotel is nice. The hope
for Natives is not open yet, but
as soon as it is I fancy there
will be lots of work to do. There
is to be a Syrian Dr. (who has
been at St. Thomas' for 4 years)
Resident at the Hospital all the
year, who will I suppose be
under Gibson. The Hospital is
to be opened by the Khedive then
he stays at Luxor on his return
voyage from Wady Halfa.

Today he passed Luxor on his
way up the river. His fleet
of yachts with all their flags

stands were very gay. On the
shore the bank were crowded
with Arabs who made a terrible
row with tom-toms, futes &
gun firing.

There are some nice people
up here now & the Johnsons are
well & jolly. He much improved
& enjoys it so much that he
has applied for berths on the
"Rameses the Great" my next
steamer.

I have no news & it is getting
late so I will be off to bed.

With much love to you all

Your affecⁿ son.

Will

3. 13 Jan. 1891 L 54/24

I'm glad to hear the J. Penny
& Evens have got in for the
S. M. S. Both good men in
different ways. Evens is
married & I'm going to write
to mother & suggest that
if he wants to have his wife
living near while at Netley
that perhaps some arrangements
might be made with Julia &
she could live with Mrs Parker
share with Julia. It might &
be a very good thing for the
latter to have some one else
to look after —

We are just getting in to
Rhoda now & I will send
off this letter. I will write
to mother in a day or two
& you will very likely get
my letter to Charlie, to
yourself & to M. all at
the same time
I hope this will find you
all right again.

With much love to you all
Your affecⁿ. son.
Will

I much hope Uncle Charlie
may get the bill.

(2pp.)

P. D. Tewfik L. 54/25
Going down from Assouan to Luxor
Tuesday. January 20. 91.

My dear Father.

There is nothing like a good large piece of paper & this seems light & good. I only wrote a short letter last week from Luxor I think. This last week we have had especially beautiful weather with a very curious absence of the usual N. wind. It is most markedly hotter & altogether finer as yet this year than last. Very little high cold wind or sand storms. The last 4 days at Assouan the temp. has averaged about 85° F. in the shade during the middle of the day. At night it has also been quite hot & everyone has been sitting on deck without top coats on. Last night I was dining at the Assouan Mess with Spang & we had dinner out of doors under a huge sycamore fig tree & were quite warm, last year they did not dine out of doors till March. It was very lovely with the moon shining over the river & the light finding its way in thro' the leaves of the S. fig tree. In the evening I had been out in the Desert to try and shoot a rare kind of partridge which is found here. I had ridden out on a donkey about 4 miles & walked back among the rocks. The sun had set & there was a bright moon & even then it was so hot that I was glad to give my hat to the boy, put my coat on the donkey's saddle & walk in my shirt sleeves. I did not get the partridge I was looking for as I got to the place where they are found rather too late & it was too dark. I heard them calling among the rocks very like grouse. The Khedive had been at Assouan & left the day we arrived (Saturday) for

for Wady Halfa. The Khedive was with him but his two ~~any~~ daughters, girls about 13 & 14, stayed with their governess at Assuan on one of the Royal yachts. With the Khedive were the Prince & Princess R. of Sweden, to whom the Khedive has lent a yacht. Then there were the Siridar's staff, General Wodehouse's staff & sundry military, naval & civil Egyptian big-wigs. The officers who were left at Assuan were quite tired out as they had been paraded every day at 6-o'clock & had reviews, inspections & all sorts of festivities going on all day. They are to have a very big review of all the frontier field force at Halfa this week. On Sunday morning I went across to the military hospital on the Island of Elephantine with Spong & Hunter. Spong is just taking Hunter's place here & well I should say have a very good billet as the hospital is a very good one indeed & they are building a civil hospital which is to be open soon & which will be under the superintendence of the P.M.O. Spong! I do not think he is nearly such a good practical man as Graham, tho' perhaps you may remember that he took his F.R.C.S. & Graham did not. I must say that seeing the work of these various men in the Egyptian M.S. makes me rather envious of them. They are on perfectly equal & good terms with the military as far as I have seen & in the E.A. are treated exactly as military as regards rank & honors.

In the afternoon I had a good gallop across the desert to Shellal with Spong & called on the Némans, an artist and his wife who are living on a Dahabiah & painting in the temple at Philae. I had asked Spong & Hunter to dine on the "Tersik" but as it was Hunter's last night at Assouan the mess asked me to dine there instead. I enjoy dining there always as there are several very nice men & it makes a great change from the "tourists". After dinner too the Sudan, Egyptian question, Gordon or Stanley are generally discussed & as several of the men have been thro' most of the campaign & know a good deal about all these matters it is very interesting. All the troops at Assouan are Soudanese or the Black Regiment as they are usually called. They are capital soldiers & their history is very interesting. They are very nearly true negroes & their real habitat is the land south of Khartoum lying between the Blue & White Niles & the Senaar & Darfour districts. Almost all the men have been slaves, chiefly to the various Arab tribes & Arabs living at Berber, Dongola & Khartoum, other^{or} had been slaves to Arab & others in Egypt. They have I believe very largely been enlisted, formed into regiments & ~~etc~~ drilled into shape by English officers. A great many of the men have fought against us at various times & some of them may have taken part in the massacre of Hicks Pasha & in the siege of Khartoum. They were only fighting as slaves for the masters the Arabs & were only too glad when the Arabs got the worst of it, to come in & enlist under English officers. These black regiments seem to me ~~to~~ rather ideal: The men enlist for life & make the regiment their home entirely.

While the "Gypsy" is all the while thinking of when he shall get back to his village & often deserts. The "Gypsy" fellah is only enlisted or rather conscripted for a short term of service. A large no. of the blacks are allowed to marry, they build their mud ~~huts~~ huts near the barracks & are as happy as possible. Always laughing & chattering like monkeys, except when they are sick & then they do look miserable. They do fairly well at Halfa & Assuan but at Cairo & especially at Suakin where it is damp there is an awful lot of sickness among them especially pneumonia & bronchitis & a large mortality. Their children do not do well, they will only marry the women of their own "din" or tribe, but they do not have many children & if they live they are not nearly equal to their fathers. It is curious that such a comparatively short distance from their homes should make such a difference. As slavery is stopped & the ~~good~~ blacks in the regiments die off they will be very difficult to get hold of. They had had 3 oxen given them at Assuan by "Effendina" (the Khedive) & there was the most awful row going on during dinner at the mess. They were dividing up the meat & rejoicing just like complete ~~the~~ savages. They sit round on the ground in circles or squads of about 20, on their haunches just like monkeys. Two or three of them have tom-toms & sit in the

middle. all the rest clap their hands in time & chant in a queer monotonous sort of way only rising & falling a note or two. Every now & then they all shout together a sort of long 'Hah!' of pleasure. When they get excited they all get up & dance a sort of Irish fling war dance. It is curious to think of the difference between them & the good people who such a little way off are playing with their tabled hosts dinner on Cook's steamers. There are a good many wild beasts of different kinds at Aswan, a hyena was shot by the natives that night & on my way home from mess I came face to face with a wolf prowling along the edge of the river & I suppose looking out for scraps. I was sitting on a wall close to the water & so it did not see me till it got quite close. Unluckily I had not got my gun or could have had a capital shot at it. The wolves are always solitary here & not fierce, but if a donkey or horse strays from the town into the desert they kill them & the jackals, foxes & vultures pick the bones pretty clean. One of the officers had shot two wolves in the little garden round his hut with an ordinary shot gun No. 6. shot, which we use for partridges in England!

The town was most wonderfully decorated for the wedding visit. It is not a very big place but straggles along the bank of the river for about half a mile with a rough sort of quay (part of which is old Roman work) in front & public offices & private houses behind. All along the quay they had colored arches & flag posts made very roughly of light wooden frame work & different colored calicos. Then they have colored

glass lanterns in windows everywhere & bright flags in profusion
so that it looked ~~very~~ very bright & lively especially in a blaze
of sunshine & blue sky.

Dishna, Wednesday night. At Luxor yesterday yours & Mother's
letter of the 5th, with the list of your services, the Gyps' H. J. &
the weekly times. I was sorry to hear that the thaw had given
you a cold but hope it was only quite a temporary one & that
by now you are all right again. It is wonderful to think of the
enormous difference of weather & mode of life. It is as hard for
me to realize the cold as for you to fancy the heat here. at
present I'm sitting in my cabin (11.2c) with coat off, sleeves tuck-
ed up, door & window open & am only just cool! Temp. 75° F.
I should enjoy the skating immensely & I expect during the frost
I should be very well, melting snow & cold N.E. winds I should
be sorry to have to face. I'm glad to hear the H. is better but I
should say he ought to be some time well before facing the worry
& excitement of getting back home again. It was a great shame
of everyone deserting Mother at the rink & I am sorry to hear that
she had got headache there. I heard from the Gouldays by last mail
they are giving up their house at Dundee & going to live in
London, they say they have had hardly any skating & not much
cold weather.

Do you remember I mentioned in one of my letters a Lady Pollock staying at Inena House. They were travelling for the sake of their youngest son who had chronic heart & chest trouble & had been ill since he was a small child. They went to Luxor & the boy died suddenly there & now Lady P. & two Miss P's are coming back to Cairo on this boat. It is especially sad for them as they have another brother & sister delicate at St. Mobitz & Lady P. wants to go straight to them, a terrible journey & change of climate at this time of year.

Miss Hall who I told you about is a good deal better for her stay at Luxor & is painting a big picture of the Luxor Temple.

If you see Uncle Charlie you might tell him that there is a Col. Legge on board, who commanded a Cavalry regt at Simla when they were there & who asked after them all.

The Johnsons are very flourishing & he is much improved. I fancy he has written to you or mother.

I have had most curiously little work to do, I have only attended about 3 people up the ~~to~~ river, everyone is so awfully well!!

Bellianah - for Abydos. Thursday evening 8th of Jan. I have just got yours & mother's of the 6th & 8th of January. I was very sorry to hear you had had a bad night, I'm afraid with the cough it will have pulled you down a good deal. Poor Dio, the visit to Belkhen will be a great disappointment to her. Glad to hear that Charlie is enjoying his Xmas parties. I am very grieved for the poor Maenabs, it must have been terribly sudden for them all. As mother

Any idea from whom that Inao card came which she
enclosed for me, I do not know, was the postmark Swansea?

Assiont, Friday, Jan. 23-91.

I have just got Isabel of the 11th & yours of 15th
for both of which thanks. I'm glad to hear you are
better & hope you will have got over going to
London all right. I will write to Isabel next
mail. It ~~is~~ has turned suddenly cold here wh.
is a great change after the heat of Assiont. From
sleeping under a sheet I have 2 blankets & a quilt.

Tell Isabel I shall look out for the Bennetts.

Glad to hear Charlie's party was such a success.

With much love to you all.

Your affec^{te} son.

Will

Written in an old
wooden box in a
very shaky
cabin.

Cook's Nile Service



P.S. "Rameses the Great"

Cook's Nile Service



P.S. "Rameses the Great"

PASSENGER LIST P. S. "RAMESES THE GREAT"

LEAVING CAIRO, JANUARY 27th 1891 FOR LUXOR AND ASSOUAN.

Dr. Longmore

1. Mr. Reeves
2. Mr. Mason
3. Mr. J. H. Hartman
4. Mrs. J. H. Hartman
5. Mr. J. E. Laidley
6. Mrs. J. E. Laidley
7. Mr. J. W. Clegg
8. Mrs. J. W. Clegg
9. Mr. Walter Showell
10. Mrs. Walter Showell
11. Miss Kate Showell
12. Mr. J. B. Showell
13. Mr. W. Showell Jr.
14. Mr. J. Elliman
15. Mrs. Elliman
16. Col. Warner
17. Mr. Hutchinson
18. Mr. Cook
19. Mr. Watson
20. Mrs. Judson
21. Mrs. Cook
22. Miss Boncherett
23. Miss Blissard
24. Rev. J. Blissard
25. Miss Duckworth
26. Miss W. Duckworth
27. Maid
28. Courier
29. Mr. E. G. Raphael
30. Lt Col. W. Jackson
31. Mr. H. Lewis
32. Mrs. Lewis
33. Maid
34. Mr. Dodge
35. Mrs. Dodge
36. Miss Cox
37. Mr. R. Degener
38. Mr. A. Hanswaldt

39. Miss M. Blanchard
40. Miss H. Blanchard
41. Mr. L. Samuel
42. Mrs. L. Samuel
43. Mr. H. Heldman
44. Mr. Hoffnung
45. Mrs. Hoffnung
46. Miss Hoffnung
47. Maid
48. Mrs. A. F. Cochran
49. Miss A. C. Cochran
50. Miss F. A. Cochran
51. Mr. J. Dick
52. Mrs. J. Dick
53. Mr. J. Simpson
54. Mrs. J. Simpson
55. Miss Mc Donald
56. Mrs. Reed
57. Miss Reed
58. Mr. Brown
59. Mrs. Brown
60. Miss Wilson
61. Miss Ives
62. Mr. B. P. Davis
63. Marquis de Loys Chandier
64. Marquise de Loys Chandier
65. Mr. W. M. Staniford
66. Mr. A. Thackeray
67. Rev. J. Findlay
68. Mr. Agens
69. Mr. Agens
70. Mr. E. F. Elkan
71. Mrs. E. F. Elkan
72. Dr. Otto Elkan
73. Herr Bela von Deutsch
74. Dr. Jul. Lederer
75. Herr Ladislaus Lederer
76. Dr. W. W. H. King

L. 54/26

Manager Mr. F. Baglioni

streets were in an awful state of stinky mud & as it was nearly dark it was no joke. I told you about the poor Pollock whose brother died out there at Suez. When they got to Cairo they got a wire from their eldest brother Sir Henry P. who was at St. Moritz for his health to say he had gone to Genoa & was waiting for them there. They hurried to see if he would come to Cairo for the rest of the winter, but I fancy he they will join him ~~to~~ & go to Riviera. Mr. G. Pollock of St. George & Baron Pollock are these uncles. A man in the Medical Staff Corps is going to make a cross for the grave at Suez. I heard about him & was so sorry to say he had got an order for him. He is an orderly at the Citadel Hospital. When in Cairo I heard from Bennett. They were staying

(211)
P. D. Arncliffe, Esq.
Assistant
Jan. 29, 1881

My Dear Isabel

Many thanks for your letter of Jan. 11. which I think I mentioned having got all right in my budget to Father of last week.

Yes, I should think you must have got awfully tired of the long frost tho' I suppose it is all over by now. I shall be very glad for all your sakes & especially for Father's when the spring comes. I'm afraid he must have felt the cold awfully. It is a great shame about the receiver, I really cannot understand it & wonder the President of the Sames Committee did not take up the matter pretty strongly. I must say I should awfully have liked some skating as much I dare say as you would like some of our superfluous sunshine.

This is the largest steamer, I have met him on her before & she certainly is very comfortable. There is a dreadful crowd on board, 77, but with this big boat it does not matter much. There are some really fearful people this time & I should think only about a dozen at all nice or interesting to make up for the howlers. Opposite to me is an old chap, a Yankee, just like Tillier (who mends the pots & pans) he does not talk much but eat large jids of cheese & pear in slices with his knife. On my right a real good English "howler" & his bride" something in the "Indietro" cheese or butter line I should say.

It is all the more tantalizing as a few places off is a particularly nice Miss Duckworth an English girl who I should be able to talk to, these folk are quite impossible as one has to sit thro' at least two hours every day at lunch & dinner. It is rather an important question. I have a very good cabin on this boat it is just ahead for the doctor & is well fitted up. It has about 15 drawers which is somewhat absurd. There is a good writing desk & room for an arm chair so that one can be pretty comfortable. The day before we got to Cairo last voyage we got into very bad weather, cold, wet windy & disagreeable. It was a tremendous change from Assuan & Luxor, but I don't think I'm any the worse for it. We got in to Cairo on Sunday in time for church & I walked up with the Pallack & some other people. We were told it was almost impossible to walk but determined to try. The

2
29 Jan 1931

L 54/27

at the Angleterre, the same hotel as
the Pollocks & I went & had lunch
with them there. They are not going
up the Nile as apparently they only
have a month in Cairo & of course
they will have lots to keep them em-
ployed there for that time. I thought
Miss B. was a particularly nice girl.
They are going to stay at Meina for
a bit so as to see the pyramids
etc. I'm sorry they are not coming
up the river.

It is the 1st batt. Dorset here. I
don't think Capt^m Pyne or Campbell
are with them.

I had a letter from Mary de C. the
other day in which she told me about
Miss Quennie, I don't remember Cran-
ford except by name. I'm afraid
from what Mary said Ronnie must
be pretty bad which is sad poor thing.

I have not danced much this year
the fact is the people have not been
so nice as last year & I have not
tried to get up much. It is

Finished in haste
Will answer
letter next mail
Thanks to Harry
for letter

anfully sad for the Maenads. I have written to
Arthur & to Ellen. I'm afraid they won't be left
over well off, as he had his portion as well as
a large income from Walkers.

The corn is up two foot high now & the fields of
broad beans & lupins are all in flower. It is
such a pity there are no wild flowers, only a few
cruciferæ, convulsi & clovers, nothing really in-
-teresting or pretty except on the desert.

Fredon might
mean thanks for Mother's 2 of 18th &
22nd Nov. I hope all winter cold in

For your affec. B. Will

which is pleasant to see but bad for trade. As a whole they are a most shocking set of banders, one or two rather nice men - a dear old Mrs Duckworth with a very sweet little niece, both quite charming. I found they were friends of Hkaree. & today we have been quietly at the Temple of Medinet Habas together taking our lunch & avoiding the god's tourists who went in another direction. Everything is so full here that the two Mrs Duckworths have not been able to get in to either of the large hotels here, which are absolutely full to overflowing. I think I told you that Mrs Gorton was very bad with sore throat when I left Cairo, I have not heard of her yet which is rather surprising, but I hope she is better by now.

(2pp)

254/28
P. J. Rameses the Great
Assistant to Luxor
Jan 31. 91.

My dearest Mother

Many thanks for yours of the 22nd & Father's of the Sunday before which I got at the same time. It is horrible to hear of the cold you have been ~~going thro'~~ & of course one knows it is quite unfit for Father to be out on such a night as you describe. I have had the most dreadful news from India of poor Mrs Mackenzie (Miss Brand). Her husband has died quite suddenly from an apoplectic fit in two hours. They were quite alone up country, hardly a word of English spoken & she had even to help nail together a rough coffin to take his body back to their bungalow. It is too horrible. No clergyman & a friend had to read the burial service; the last service she had heard read before was at their marriage. There is no will

so that there may be legal trouble & his property will have to be divided. It is too dreadful a poor thing. She hopes to get home beginning of March. Will you tell Susie that there are various friends of hers & Co on this boat. A Mr. Rhodes, vicar of St Augustine & the Shovellos who live at Bell Park, Worcester & I should think made their court in Brum. Mr. S. seems rather nice & was Lady President of D.S. School. Susie said the pen people were coming out there were some Gillials, Father & his sons, very nice but I don't think they were the Brum. people. Two Mrs Duckworths, aunt & niece are

very nice indeed & with. This comfortable cabin to sit in one only needs a few nice people to get on all right.

Poor old Jill. I'm very sorry the old lady has dropped out. I rather expected to hear that Brownie had at least been laid up, I think it will be wonderful if she gets over this winter safely.

Do you remember Jan. 18th 1881?

Bob Peirson & self returning shivering but happy fr. Oakbury.

Luxor, Tuesday evening late.

We got here all night yesterday aftⁿ & tho' not hot it had been a lovely clear day to day without wind etc. is a very pleasant change. I found a letter here from Miss Brand's sister in Brighton but only telling me of the telegram they had received & how cut up her old mother was. We have a tremendous crowd on this boat 70th class & 7 maids! It is quite a small town. They are all dreadfully well & hearty which is

p. 2. 31 Jan. 1891

L 54/28



It was very disap-
-pointing to them all
as the river had
done so! J. such a lot of good ¹⁸⁹
& they all liked it very
much. They may go up again
later on. I don't think there
is anything special to tell you
this week & as it is getting
late & I've written several
letters - I guess I'll close.
I'm very comfortable on this
steamer, the manager is
such a very nice man too
& many of the Arab servants
are such excellent fellows that
one makes quite friends of
them.

Am none the worse for the
cold weather in Cairo & shall
be glad to hear by next week's
letter that Father has not
~~yet~~ suffered from the effects
of the cold in London.

Thanks to Father for paying
Castle Club outgⁱⁿ
With much love to you all.

Ever your loving son,

Will

There I only found a white pigeon which reminded me of
Edith's tower at Rome in "Transformation" - as it had
got pitch dark inside the temple ~~we~~ we only had two
tallow candles & there were a good many deep pits
about it was rather exciting. Then Miss Jackworth,
the Dragoon, their Italian carrier & myself all
shouted "Helio" together at the top of our various voices.
It was awfully funny - Finally the young lady & I -
merged from a chamber dedicated to the mysteries of
the goddess Isis where I think myself she had been
secretly worshipping - suddenly we stopped the night at
that place as there was no hurry - at noon we went
for a great camel ride into the desert, we took the ~~best~~
a little way on a donkey & dropped her to shelter & wait
for the sunset -

(311)
My dearest Mother

Thanks for your letter of Jan. 24 &
Father's P.C. of 25th, also for 4 papers.
I think I last wrote from Luxor on
our upward journey. Sorry to hear
of the fire in the ship yard. I was
afraid you would all feel the thaw
when it came after the long continued
frost. Glad to hear S. C. & B. are
well & that Charlie & Basil are
jolly together. I can well imagine the
passage being "as it used to be in the
days gone by." I'm so sorry about
poor Laura! it is of course possible
if she had been properly looked after
that this might not have occurred
at least for some years, poor Jane.
I think Father will be able to put the
£6" 8" 0 in the savings bank for me,
tho' I may possibly want it here before
the end of the season. Glad to hear that
Beach is well to the front, King's again.

Rameses the Great
Assiout
Feb. 7. 13. 91.

Will Father please send me the Diary for '91 of the Sanitary Record
(Description enclosed).

Taking them all round the 70 passengers have proved themselves fairly uninteresting. Mr. Bizzard the parson from Birmingham was a nice old chap. His sister is companion to an old Miss Boncherett who lives only three miles from Walsley & knows the Laurences. Miss B. was a dear old lady & very clever. Very like Miss Close in general appearance & color. - She painted beautifully. I did not think that any good thing could come from near Market Lasean & it is very surprising that I did not know about her. She was precious ill for a few days at Abouman & I really thought seriously about her for one night. However she got all right & stayed at Luxor. The showman of Bell Court, née Brown, brewers were stupid & vulgar to a degree - but very kind.

There are some people called Colefax just come on board who are very nice. Mrs C. was a Miss Nettlefold & they know all the Edgbaston folk. Then a fellow who used to be curate at Heybridge & some people who were out last year joined from the second cataract & now the Burings, Hobhouse & his friend have come on at Luxor so that there are a good many people I knew. My chief friends this voyage have been the two Miss Duckworths. They were both quite delightful. The aunt very cheery & the girl very clever & interesting, a most refreshing couple. Miss Helen D. was extremely keen on all things Egyptian, so much so that she was always last at each excursion & could with difficulty be got away by the irate dragoman. In the huge temple of Denderah she got fairly lost, the aunt myself were left lamenting with one dragoman, also lamenting, as he wanted his tea. I went up to the top of the pylon & back 260 steps & ditto down.

Glad to hear the Netty Brownies went off all night.
A most marvellous find has just been made in a de-
-solate valley near the tombs of the Kings at Thebes. It
is probably the most wonderful single discovery ever made
in Egypt & will startle the whole world! A huge
pit or tomb has been found which was the common
-house of the priests & priestesses of the great Temple of
the God Amen Ra attached to the Temple built by Ram-
-ses the Great at Thebes. Over 300 nearly perfect sar-
-cophagi are buried here & at the end are two chambers
not yet explored in which they hope to find the mummies of
missing Kings. These sarcophagi are mostly of the 21st Dyn.
or about 3000 - 3200 years old! Some of them are most
beautifully painted & quite as perfect even as to color as
the day when they were buried. This tomb place will be
used as a museum & as we had only half a day at Luxor,

2
7 Feb 1891 54/29
We had both got awfully good camels
& it was a lovely evening so we left
our camel boys behind & went off on
our own hook into the desert. If
those camels had taken it into their
heads to bolt ~~on~~ we ~~too~~ should cer-
-tainly never have been seen again!
I can just stop them & make them
go on, you have to make exten-
-sive noises in your throat. I'm
always frightened of making the wrong
one & finding the beast suddenly
sit down, or stand on its head or
something dreadful. After a while
our boys got some baggage camels
going back empty to Luxor & I
joined us looking very pleased with
-selves. Then we all joined a small
caravan & went back at quite a good
pace all the way. I could not help
thinking that if Miss D's fond mamma
had seen her with one young man &
a horde of ~~her~~ wild Arabs careering
across the desert on camel back
she would probably ~~look~~ ^{have} been surprised.

The Misses Smithworths stayed at Sucoz & I was extremely sorry to say goodbye to them. They had great difficulty about getting money & I was able to help them a good deal. Miss H. Smithworth had quite made up her mind to take up her abode among the hats the owl & the jackals at Kamae some that have to give up a fortnight at Thebes, or as the bats & owls would not have suited the old lady it is just as well they found rooms.

Before going up to Assouan we heard slightly alarming news about the Derwishes, only 60,000 were advancing simultaneously on Halfa & Suakin & that quite soon the whole country would be turned upside down again. However it has nearly all ended as usual, only a small outpost near Halfa had been taken by our troops & one of the English battalions is to march across the desert from

Assouan to Suakin & combine with the black troops there & take Tokar, which is near Suakin & the present head quarters of the Mahdists. This is what we heard, but I don't know for certain. It is good luck for Graham & Glong has applied to go across with the Battⁿ marching from Assouan. They always have a little affair about once a year. I think to keep the black troops in good humour & to get some fresh medals for the English Officers. If it becomes a big affair & a base hospital is established at Suakin, don't be surprised if you had have to alter my address from 40 men^{or} Cosh & Son - to I don't quite know what. I won't volunteer for service at the front!!! I have just got your letter of the 5th & Father's P.C. of 1891 - at the same time, also 4 papers.

Poor Jane R. it is indeed sad - Thanks to Ankey for her letter. I'm glad you is feeling better & is well.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the left page of the notebook.]

25/29

3

The boat leaving at 12.00. Another man & myself got up at 6.00 & after early breakfast crossed the river & donkeyed over the Theban plain & thro the Ramesseum to the valley when the new tomb had been discovered. Such a glorious morning. The Theban hills glowing in the sunrise, not a breath of wind & the water all pink from the light on the hills. Quite fresh sharp air, but by 10.00 pretty hot work walking. A dahabeah belonging to Mons. Gébours head of the Museum, a government steamer & big barge, were moored to the river bank & were receiving the mummies & treasures sent down from the tomb. We met a convoy of these poor finics in their huge colored sarcophagi being carried on wooden stretchers by about 8 or 10 Arabs each to the river. They looked most curious winding in & out among the corn on the narrow track. We then got

to the mouth of the pit we found quite a small spring
with a beam across & huge pulleys worked by a lot of
Arabs. It was very like the mouth of a drainage tunnel
only instead of bringing up Parbuck's stone, up came boxes
of statuettes, gods & papyrus. Then next came the
coffin of a priestess, as it came slowly up & the sunshine
lit up the face painted on the top & the wreaths of flowers,
how could one realize that it was thirty hundred years
since the sun had last shone on it! It is almost
terrible to think of. They are awfully afraid of them
& have guardians all round. Besides the mummies they
say that there is a large library of papyrus & a
number of statues, amulets, relics etc.
You will be glad to see Dr. Johnson's letter.

The ~~and~~ enclosed poem was begun
to for Charlie & the first picture
is too graphic to destroy.
I have just had a letter from Nellie
Kelsoall, talking of skating on the
havan, that does mean frost.
I think you might send her this
letter as they will be interested
in hearing about the mummies.
Goodnight, it is past 11.00 &
10. 11. 11

L 54/30
Assisnt
Friday, Feb. 20, 91.

My Dear Father

Many thanks for your P.C. of Feb. 9.
I was sorry to hear Mother's cold is
still heavy. Very glad about Beach,
the 3rd Kings man who has taken
1st place, Smith, Maenat, Beach.

Yes, Graham is at Suakin by now
& will come in for the taking of Tokar
I don't think it is at all likely to be
a big affair. It is indeed sad for
poor J. R. Ashleigh. As you will
have heard before this Dr. Johnson
is on his way home.

I will write to Harry next mail
I have just come back from dining
with Johnson Pacha of the Police
his people being in Cairo & having
finished my letter to Julia will
be off to bed.

Your loving son.

Will

Father

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté.

هذه الوجه يتحرر العنقوان فقط

اتحاد الپوستة العام
مصر
تذكرة پوستة

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A Lady Longmore
The Padlock
Woolstone
N. Southampton
England

Prince Abbas - Luxor. Feb. 25-⁵⁴/91.
I have sent a letter to you in one to Harry.
He may not send it on at once so I
send a P.C. to say I'm all right. I think
cough is certainly better, general cough decid-
edly so, morning somewhat so. I meant to
have put this in letter. Weather changed
today & it is decidedly warmer. Not likely
to be much cool weather after this. This P.C. goes
by camel to Kenneh & ought to go same time
as my letter.

W.L.

Otherwise I have had very little to do & have not made as much this winter as I made ~~it~~ in a month last year. My doctor friends are looking out for a travelling app^t for me but I don't fancy there is much chance of one. I may very likely go to Port Said for a fortnight in charge of the European Hospital there ~~but~~ while the doctor (Maidonald) goes away for a holiday. I dined at the Mess while at Assuan there is a great change there now as a Battalion has gone to Onarkin & some Egyptian troops have taken their place, reducing the No. of English Officers. Lord Cairns & two other "swells" were dining there. Cairns seems a very nice fellow as I had heard & is a very fine looking man. He was out here last year just after his brother's death. They were travelling with Lord Edward Churchill a brother of "Randolphs" & I had to go on board their steamer

Weekly Times
Saml. Reed & Co.
#



(2P) P. J. Prince Abbott
L 54/32

Assiout

Mar. 6-7th 1891.

My dear Father.

Your letters lately have come as follows

P.C. Southampton	Cairo	Assiout
Feb. 9 th	Feb. 18 th	20 th
Letter (Mother & Father)	12 th	24 th
Letter (Mother & Father)	13 th	27 th
P.C.	23 rd	4 th March
Letter (Mother & Charles)	25-26 th	5 th March
		6 th March

I shall probably get some this evening at Assiout so I leave a blank space. Thanks to you all for the various epistles. I have not got the "Weekly Times" lately. I have been glad to hear by these letters that you have all been pretty well except Jack having become lame again. I should have thought with the roller skating & perhaps bicycling he would have got some exercise but it is a great difference to a country life

I remember the first year I was at King's, I nearly completely lost all appetite & really had great difficulty in forcing myself to eat anything at all. I have quite got over the attacks of diarrhoea I had at Luxor & am quite all right again, I think really better than I have been for 18 months. I think I last wrote at Luxor. I did not do much there this time. The Hotel is still very full of people, a good many of whom I know, but none I very especially care about. Some nice people who were out there last year & at Mena have just come back, some of them have not been to England at all having spent the summer & part of this winter in Australia. People do come from all parts of the world to the Nile. On this boat there are French, English, Scotch, Irish, Germans, Austrians, Poles, Greek, American, Canadian, Australian, Italian besides various native races Syrian, Arab, Soudanese etc.

This is of course an especially mixed lot. I had rather a queer case at Luxor a young Frenchman felt ill for 3 or 4 days had a quick pulse, furred tongue, temp 104°. pain all over & in small of back with a red patchy rash on backs of hands, front of chest & thighs. Altogether, after consultation with the Luxor Hotel Doctor, we thought the ~~man's~~ symptoms looked as like those of commencing mild smallpox, that we sent him off the ship & isolated him at the top of the Hospital. Two days afterwards he was quite all right & able to go on by post boat! A trifle annoying for him poor chap! Of course one could not run the chance of smallpox occurring on board the steamer & could not send him to the Hotel, so the only thing was to put him in Hospital. Of course I told him there was only a small chance of it being smallpox.

& putting on their ordinary dress at the gates to come inside the town! This affair of Tokar & the appt of Justice Scott as Judicial adviser to the Khedive has quite upset the French. I don't wonder altogether, for our home papers get hold of the most wonderful news from Egypt & distort things into something quite different to what they really are. Also it is extremely hard for anyone who has not been out here a long time to really know what things mean & why they are done. Things appear on the surface very differently to what they really are & things that occur in the extremely oriental provinces of Upper Egypt cannot possibly be compared ~~to~~ or judged by strict European standard. England fancies Mr. Justice Scott is going to stop injustice & decrease the strictness & hardness of the Egyptian law, in reality he has to find means of enforcing the law as at present criminals are able to get off in all directions.

to see Lord. who had been ill up at Harewood had had to call in ^{P. 2. 57th Dec. 1891} ^{L 54/32} George. I have not heard any more of the Johnsons, I think they were going to join Dr. Beattie at Naples or somewhere on the Riviera. I am glad to say we have had none of that wretched Khamsin wind as yet this year. It was just this time last year I had influenza & the wind was so bad.

I'm glad to hear you will give notice of retiring early next session, as you have had the grind of the winter session you may as well do the summer one when the climate is not so trying.

I am getting on ~~it~~ with the Arabic & find Green an excellent book, tho' I don't do much real reading being so much among the natives helps one to be always picking up something fresh.

I'm very glad to hear Dr. Davies has a years extension of leave. I did not know Dr. Gore had gone home I wrote to him not long ago.



Many thanks for your P.C. Mother's & Charlie's letters just rec'd. What a capital letter Charlie's is, barring the spelling!

I am so sorry to hear you are seedy again. It was curious having the two attacks and apparently with no cause.

I will look out for Professor Sayce. I often see him & know him very well by sight.

It is very young for Lolie Del. & I'm afraid a very doubtful experiment.

I have just had a long letter from Maenab, he had just heard of his home trouble & afterwards was on the march with the 4th Sikhs to the front.

I'm going to post this tomorrow as we stop at a sugar factory where

there is a P.O. as it is getting late now -

Gore Graham & is senior M.O. at Suakin & so will be sure to get some distinction. Here it is regarded as a very little affair. Tokar was occupied without a shot being fired, then they were told there were a few 100 dervishes in a village near & so only sent a small force to rout them. When they got there they found between 2000 & 3000 troops & a desperate resistance was made. Osman Digna never came near the fight at all & retired as soon as he saw the dervishes were worsted.

The French are very sore about it indeed & think it means we are going to push on into the Condan. I am sure we only occupied Tokar because the dervishes being so near had such a demoralizing effect on friendly tribes who began to think that we could not protect them. Arabs were literally wearing the mahdi coat outside the

Cook's Nile Service



P.S. "PRINCE ABBAS"

Cook's Nile Service



P.S. "PRINCE ABBAS"

PASSENGER LIST P. S. "PRINCE ABBAS"
LEAVING CAIRO, MARCH 10th 1891 FOR LUXOR AND ASSOUAN

L 54/33

Dr. Longmore

1. Mr. P. Gilchrist
2. Mrs. Gilchrist
3. Master Gilchrist
4. Mrs. G. E. Scott
5. Mrs. S. C. Thompson
6. Mr. F. S. Thompson
7. Mr. R. Chamberlain, M. P.
8. Mrs. Chamberlain
9. Major Gen. Cunliffe
10. Mr. Francis. A. Culver
11. Mrs. Culver
12. Mr. H. O. Culver jun.
13. Rev. Kettridge Wheeler
14. Mrs. A. J. Bulkley
15. Miss E. L. Jones
16. Mrs. Barnum

17. Mr. José. de Arellano
18. Mr. R. de Uhagon
19. Rev. C. Obenshain
20. Mr. Slater
21. Mrs. Slater
22. Mr. Fairchild
23. Mrs. Fairchild
24. Mr. Davenport
25. Mrs. Davenport
26. Mr. B. E. Girling
27. Rev. W. H. Rayburn
28. Mrs. Rayburn
29. Major Martyn Fenwick
30. Mrs. Fenwick
31. Mr. Carstensen

Manager Mr. Buchner

the middle of the day is ²baking & shimmering
in a sort of glow of white sunshine.
We were ~~joined~~ at Assiout by D. Gibson
of the Luxor Hotel, he had been down to
Cairo with a lady who was very ill
on one of Gaze's steamers without a D.
He was to receive £20 a day!! till
he returned to Luxor, about the largest
fee for a young man I ever heard of.
Of course he had to leave the Hotel during
the height of the season & ran some
risks as well. Don't mention the
amount of the fee to anyone as
Gibson lives near us & he might not
like ~~it~~ it being talked of. I expect
he will be coming down to Cairo on his
boat, he is a very pleasant compa-
-nion.
I had a capital ride at Assiout on
a Police horse with Johnson Pacha's
niece, Miss Findlay, a long way
along the edge of the desert thro' very
curious country, we saw two flocks
of sand-grouse, the first I had seen
which was a pleasure.

Prince Abbas ^{I 54/34}
Luxor
Mar. 17. 91

My dear Father

I'm afraid I have left a short
time to write to but I have been dining
up at the hotel with Mrs & Mrs R.
Chamberlain & the Fenwicks & then had
several letters to write before going to
bed. I fancy I sent a pretty good
letter from Assiout so may not
write more now.

I was so sorry to have Mother's poor
account of you, it is so especially
disappointing as altogether I have ga-
thered you have been pretty well
during the winter, however I hope that
next mail will bring better news of you.
I'm sure if you are not up to it
you will not attempt the coming
season, it would be much better in
every way than attempting it & having
to give it up.

We have got into really warm weather
here at last & everything growing

I heard from the Gourlay³ last mail. They are just giving up Balgay their house at Dundee & going to London till the end of June. Mr. Gourlay has settled not to build at Pillair the place I stayed with them in Fifeshire & they are going abroad again to Italy next January, they want a house for next autumn till they go away so if you settle to go to Cannes as I propose perhaps they would like ours. I think I shall leave this till tomorrow & send it by camel post, it is not quite so sure of the Brindisi mail, but I'm rather tired & want to go to bed -
Wednesday aft. - 2. 30 I have just remembered Miss Gourlay asked for news of the new tomb so if you have my letter about it still at home would you send it to her at 17. Southwick Crescent, Hyde Park W., just saying I asked you to do so or they may be rather surprised.

You asked me in one of your letters if the papyrus still grows here, it is not found at all in Egypt except grown artificially in one of the gardens in Cairo. I believe the shores of the ~~Red~~ Dead Sea are the only places it is found in now. I think Pennycuik says that "the lotus blooms on every barren peak"! which is somewhat peculiar, only one variety is found now & that grows in the Delta & was I think introduced from India in Ptolemaic days. I have had a chapter of small accidents lately, a few days ago I had to get up in the night to see someone & stupidly thinking I knew the way quite well did not take a light, I came a cropper over a large coil of ~~the~~ rope & shot into the scrappers head over heels, it is a wonder I did not hurt myself. I only carried off a little of the skin of my knee.

We rode out past Karnae this is northward along the bank of the river, thro' the temple or rather collection of temples & out into the country on the other side. The crops now are wheat barley, lentils, various vetches & lettuce. Up till lately all the quail were in the wheat (bearded wheat), but now the lentil (adis) & a very pretty kind of vetch like plant are ripe all the birds are feeding on them & give capital shooting. This vetch is called "humorous" & is a very handsome plant indeed. It has a feathery leaf like a bracken fern & oblong green pods that look just like green goose berries.



When ripe the pods are yellow & have two little crinkled peas in them like nasturtian seeds. This humorous grows on last years barley field.

⁽⁴⁾ Yesterday night just as I was going to bed I was putting some vasoline on the said knee, my ~~foot~~ foot slipped came on to the water jug broke a large piece out of it & cut my heel, it bled pretty freely, but it was not bad as I was able to go quail shooting this morning.

The quail shooting is just at its best here now & is very delightful. One has to get up very early as the birds do not rise during the heat of the day. I went out this morning with a Mrs. Gilling who lives at Port Said. We were called at 5.30, got some coffee and rolls to & went off on donkeys. Such a perfect morning, the river perfectly still & the hills reflected pink on it. The sun just coming up between the big pillars of the Inxos Temple. The air is quite warm now tho' fresh & nice. There was no feeling of chill on Dec at 6.06 & 3 weeks ago there decidedly was. I had engaged a man called Ahmed a kind of shikari & he supplies beaters.

2 as there is lettuce growing everywhere the three
make a high strong crop & pretty stiff walking. The
ground too is getting so cracked by now & is so hard
that it makes walking worse. The birds get up in two-
or threes or singly, never in coveys. They are aw-
fully hard to find in the thick crop as a rule each
gun has two boys who mark & run forward directly
a bird falls. If it is a runner not killed, deal it
is not often found which is rather horrid, but the buzz-
-3ard & other hawks are always over the field & I
fancy few birds escape. They often tumble into these cracks
in the earth & one walks over & over the bird before finding
it. We shot from 7 to 10-30, by 9 it was hot & by
10-30 we were thoroughly baked & parched & a stretch
out in a green patch & several glasses of my water bottle
were awfully refreshing. There was no wind today & by 11.
or 12:00 all the hills seem to get almost white hot
& glister & gasp in the clear air. If it was not for the
expense of powder & cartridges in this country shooting
would be a very cheap amusement. It is about 96°F
on the deck now but the sun gets thro' the awning &
in my cabin below it is quite comparatively cool &
pleasant. All the arabs are dozing in queer attitudes
& all the world is drowsy till about 5:00 when it
wakes up again - I shall try & follow the arabs ex-
-ample & snore. Best love to you all.

Your affec^d son.

Will



(3pp.)

Prince Abbas. L 54/35

Aswan.

Mar. 2. 1891.

My Dear Charlie.

I hope you are very flourishing & have had a very good time while Basil was with you. Did you take him into lessons with Duff & Evie. Yesterday some people & I took a boat. They call them feluccas here & they are all painted red & green, with a big sail & about 8 nigger boys to row.



∟ We went up towards
the cataract where the
Nile rushes along among
the rocks ∟ as we were
going along one of the
people ~~said~~ said. What's that
scratching like a rabbit
∟ we got the glasses ∟ looked
∟ it was a huge great sort
of lizard beast called an
ichneumon ∟ we told all
the boys to stop rowing ∟
∟ sailed very gently to
the bank ∟ I jumped on
shore with my gun ∟
crept among the rocks till
I got pretty near it ∟

seemed to hear me so I fired
straight at it ∟ it half fell
over ∟ then rushed, scurry
worry, rattle, clatter over
the rocks ∟ mud ∟ flopped
spash into the water. Just
as I ~~was~~ tanged my second
barrel at it. I knew I had
hit it ∟ was very sorry
not to get it. Then one
of the Nubian boys came
up ∟ he looked about
among the rocks ∟ at last
he got very excited ∟ beckon-
ed to me ∟ I had no more
~~cat~~ cartridges ∟ a gentle-
man got some from the boat.
The boy said it had come
out of the water, I could not
see it but Mr. Ker did ∟ he took
my gun, bang!! ∟ it fell over dead.



2 Dishner L. 54/35
Mar. 5. 91

189

All our black boys were so pleased when the "warren" as they call it was shot. They shouted "Keep! Keep! Hoo-ray" & "Tank you, very much". I think that's all the English they know. Then they tied up the beast in triumph to the mast & rowed on. Yesterday I skinned this great brute in my cabin & had such a job. My cabin is only 7 foot long, but it was blowing.

hard on deck & I could not
do it there. I did it on a
sort of wooden slab near
my bed where I wash & as
soon as I got it fixed in
one place, flop came its
great tail into my bed
or down my neck & it
knocked over the bottles of
carbolic & spilt the powder
& made such a horrid smell like a third rate poacher
& men & then I had to open
the port hole & all the
water came in & splashed
all over me & all I know
is I hope I shall never have
to skin a 4 foot foot lizard

in a 6 foot cabin again for
there is not room for all
these to be comfortable
at all, at all.

The next day I went off to
shoot with Mr Ker & such a
funny German Baron who
could hardly speak any
english at all, very big &
dressed just
like a third rate poacher
shipyard man out of work!
(He is the middle one in the
picture). He is really a
German officer & very clever
but he has had to shave his
head & its just growing & there
white patches on one side & he
does look queer -

Well I must leave off now
 & go to bed as the electric
 light has gone out & my
 candle won't last long &
 also I was up early this morning
 Tomorrow I'm going to shoot
 pigeons at Belknap's but
 nearly all my cartridges
 are finished & I'm very
 poor & can't buy many
 as they cost $\frac{1}{2}$ each a lot
 here.

Give my love to Alice &
 with a lot for yourself.

Your affecⁿ Brother

Will.



3/ ^{5 Mar. 1891} ^{L 54/35} The baron had on a
 dirty old brown felt
 cap like a ^{big} ~~messing~~
 bag a little thing
 coat, which had huge ^{big}
 leather buttons & was tied
 tight round his waist (he said
 that was "goot vor der jungle"
 good for the jungle) then he cer-
 tainly had jungle breeches
 on great thick corduroy stuff
 & big yellow boots & gaiters.
 When it got hot he took off
 his cap & twisted a dirty
 old white silk handkerchief
 round & wound his head & oh!
 my he did look fine



The Baron has got a wonderful gun too, with three barrels. One barrel is a great big rifle which will kill up to 1000 yards & he always wants to be firing it off at "zee 'orks & zee voltures & zee shaek'alls". He is really a splendid shot tho', but I expect he must kill a good many natives as well as the jackals -!

There was a huge great vulture sitting on a camel's skeleton a long way off & his bullet smashed a camel's bone & sent the vulture off in a great fright.



We shot quite a lot of quail & jolly little birds like partridge. They eat the lentils that you have for soup on Sundays. The Baron shot a tame black & white pigeon & there was such a row all the Mrs Niggers & the little miss Niggers came & squealed & shook their castor-oil hair & jibber jabbled & he gave them some back sheesh & they were very happy. Then we were walking thro a field of high barley & we saw the Baron jump & shout & he banged as something running in the corn & something kicked & wobbled & then ran again & the Baron ran & banged another barrel & we rushed up expecting to see a "shaekall" or a wolf or something & found a ———



I'm awfully sorry to hear about the tendency to epilepsy, tho' I hope it may really not be so. I should anyhow get a soft & comfortable bus & wear it if time is allowed. I am glad he had such a nice letter from Mae. I am sending you Mae's letter, poor chap, there is rather a sad difference between the first & second parts. What a capital thing for him to have got right away into active service with evidently a nice Colonel. It makes me a little sick at heart that my father is literally nursing old ladies, wounding out his flannels & making egg flip!! When I get letters from Mae's & Graham & see them in the middle of all his work at Dover with a civil & military hospital & several battalions under his charge. However it is the natural law of the survival of the fittest & he is in pretty easy going & apparently devoid of ambition.

L 54/36
(2 p.)

S.S. Prince Abbas
desert to Cairo
Mar. 7. 91.

My Dearest Mother

Thanks for your long letter sending Charles. I think his a capital & most cleverly condensed & just letter. It was most graphic. Mrs. Ripley Ken who has small boys just gone to school thought the same. While I think of it I'll give you the Jotoons home address, I don't know where they are now but Mount Bright, Blairgowrie will be sure to find them. I think they were going to join Dr. Beattie somewhere.

I'm very glad to hear little Evans has got in to J.M.S. tho' very sorry that he is not able to stay & work in London for which he is much more suited. I have been thinking that should he want to find an abode for his wife near Netley could not perhaps an arrangement be come

to this Julia which would be suitable to the persons
& pockets of all three Mrs Parker, Mrs Evans & Julia.
Mrs P. has a spare room & Mrs E. might share with
Julia sitting room & guest, an arrangement which would
conveniently serve ex. o. for both. Also Mrs Evans is
delicate & Patient & might be a good set off to Julia.
I have written to F. Evans telling him if he does want
an abode for his wife to write to you & you would see what
you could do for him: so that you may hear from him.
It is bedtime & I'll finish this tomorrow on our way
down to Cairo. I'm so glad my letter about the new
find of mummies at Luxor was of interest to S. J.
It certainly was a wonderful sight, the small pictures
in the illu. London News did not give the least idea of
it. They did not get so many mummies as they expected
about 100 sarcophagi in all, as the end chamber

from which so much was expected
was empty. However the papyri &
small things will be of great value.
Altho the chamber had not been opened
before it is not supposed to be the
original burying place or tomb of the
various priestesses & priests but that
during some dynasty when the tombs
were being rifled they were put into
this place ~~secret~~ & hidden. Very few
of the mummies of great people have
been found in their original tombs
intact. The mummy of the Pharaoh
of the Exodus & his eldest son have
never been found & his second son
reigned & is known! One of the
only Apis bull mummies that was
found had a healed up scar on one
of its hind legs. Herodotus says that
when the Persian King saw the God
Apis at Memphis, ~~it~~ he struck
it with his dagger wondering how men
could worship an animal. It did
not die at once but lingered for a
while & of course was embalmed. Rather
an extraordinary coincidence after ^{so many} years.

2. 7 Mar. 1891

L. 54/36

We have come down with out any special incidents & have done very little in the way of sand banks, collisions or storms this year. We have just got to Cairo (6.30 a/c Sunday) too late for church but it is a nasty dull cold evening, Cairo weather, & I don't feel much inclined to turn out.

Tomorrow Hobhouse & various friends are going ~~out~~ off on their way to Marseilles & I shall probably go to see them off at the station. Then I have various things to do in the town & after lunch shall most likely drive out to henna taking out an old invalid gentleman who is on board the steamer, thus earning a guinea & paying carriage hire! I go off again on Tuesday when I hope & suppose we shall not hear all full. I don't know of anyone going up ~~etc~~ except Miss Johnson & Miss Findlay to Assiout -

I thought of trying to get Cook to give me a ticket to the 2nd cataract to see Abou Simbel & Wady Halfa but the fellow I should have gone with

is going to Syria instead & I may get the Port Said Hoof &
for Europeans for a fortnight & so have given it up.
Will you tell Harry I think he ought to be very particular
that Field over hauls all the mainsail tackle & sees
the blocks, ropes & jaws of the gaff work more easily than
they did ~~at~~ last year, the mainsail ought to come down
with a run as it saves so much labour.

I must leave this off now & go to dinner. If you get
all my three letters together as I expect you will, you
will have rather a budget to get thro'.

Your loving son.

Will

but it is a good work. (2)
Poor old Mrs Stone, I dare say
she will completely rally
during the warm weather.
Glad to hear Dr Maclean is
well, my greetings to both.
Seeing that notice in the
"Mirror" about the Mayor
of Worcester rather startled
me at first, till I saw
what it was!

Well, you will have seen
all that I have written
to Mother about going to
Port Said & I hope you will

L 54/37 Shephards
Cairo, April 3rd

My dear Father -

Thank you for your long
letter of March 26th. I'm very
glad to hear the boys are home
& looking flourishing. Also that
Col! F. ~~son~~ writes well of Jack.
I think Harry will like
Chambers, I will write to
Sir Hugh Beevor M.D. the Med^l
Tutor, about him, he is an old
friend & was in rooms with me.
I'm afraid the Balfour Trav
will mean a lot of writing

think I have done the right thing.
How I should have liked a talk
~~at~~ over it with you before settling,
but that could not be -
Considering the chance of mena,
of a police app^t, of government
work of other kind, I think I am
right to stay as much as possible
in the country & of course I can
go on with both Arabic & French
there. It is the Lady Strangford's hosp^l
30 beds, averages about 18 full.
Milner, Mrs Montefiores friend
thought I was wise. He will be
at Cold East soon, find out
when & try & see him.

I ~~do~~ hope now you have the
tendency to rupture under control
you will not have further trouble.

With much love.

Your affec^d son. Will

very glad to go there too so I made
enquiries at the office & found
I could manage it 10 days &
it would not cost more than
I could afford so we are off to-
gether by Messageries steamer
from Alexandria on the 18th
Port Said 19th, Jaffa 20th
Jerusalem on horse back 22nd
I have 4 or 5 days there & come
back to Port Said. I think it
is rather a good idea & very
nice going off on the quiet
with Blacker in this way.
We shall not be able to go far
but I hope we shall be able
to go to Jericho & Bethlehem.
I have the patent fly punka
going & am writing in white
Blacker is lying on the sofa &
humbugging me, says I look like
a rajah who has seen better
days. He, Blacker, is still un-
decided about coming back here

Sir H. Blacker is
medical tutor at
King's & an old
friend of mine

254/38
Mena House Hotel
Sunday April 12th

My dear Father

I'm afraid my letters
have been rather surprises lately.
I'm going to tell you something
new today. I have been having
a very nice week out here with
Blacker, he got me a very nice
bed room opening out of his sit-
ting room so that we have
been very close. As I found I
had nothing to do till I go to
Port Said on May 1st & Blacker
could get away I thought we
had better go for a jaunt to-
gether somewhere & so have
a change before settling down
again. He wanted to go to
Jerusalem & Scourae I was

but I hardly think he will & if so W.L.K. has
pretty well promised it to me, that is a good stroke
of business done as I think it would probably be
just the kind of billet that I could manage pretty
well & of course there are a great many solid
comforts & advantages here. I go in to Cairo tomorrow
tomorrow & stay with Sir Colin till the 18th.
It is rather awful separating all my baggage
again & again, I think I shall be able to send
home a couple of boxes from Port Said by Mac-
donald. I'm glad to hear about Ella & will write
her a line soon. Harry is quite welcome to all my
things & any stray pictures etc wh. belong to me.
I think there are £10 due to me in May from the
£500 trust money. Will you ask Mother to give out

of it £1 to Harry for his rooms & get what he likes with
10/- to Rosie & ditto to Josie for their birthdays -
Also pay out of it my share for fitting up "Water
Baby" & put the rest in the P.O. savings bank.
You had better address me after this to the
"Lady Strangford (L.S.) Hospital, Port Said".
Please ask Rosie to send the enclosed little note
to Maud Beaton. There are very nice people
here, about 12 of us have a special table &
it has been very nice. My love to Mary K. if he
is home & with much to you all:
Your loving son
Will

I go off from here by Messagerie S.O. D'Adwards
3.00 tons at 4.00. By a stroke of good luck
we have got a very fine big steamer & go
shall probably be very comfortable indeed.
The day before yesterday Blacker came in to
tell me that he had definitely given notice
of leaving Mena that day. I thought I
ought to try & see Locke King before leaving
& could not go back to Mena that evening
as the M's had a dinner party & wanted
me. So next morning I got up at 6.00 &
drove in with Huleatt in a friend's dog-
cart, saw L.R. & came out again at 10.00
with Blacker & others who were off also in
the aftⁿ. It was rather a rush but I shall
an hour's rest after lunch & am all right
today. We had a lovely cool evening to
come down here in, no dust or glare &
I've never travelled in Egypt so comfortably
before. Now we are all three just off
to lunch on board the "Undaunted" with a
couple of Mr C's. I don't know that my
chances of Mena are very great as I hear
they want an older man, every one wants
an older man!

at the Moncrieff L 54/39
Cairo
April, 15. 1891.

My dearest Mother

I don't seem to have written you anything of a
letter for some time, my last two or three being
rather about business except to Charlie & Rosie.
I think I told you in my last letter I had a very
good week with Blacker out at Mena. It is so very
homey & unhotel like out there that I always
like it. We had our own table in the dining room
just the Clarkes (the D. & his wife who have been
out all the season) Mr & Miss Gick Chamberlain
& some people of the name of Hall & Watson
who come from Lincolnshire & know about the L.
I had some good rides on the desert but did not
do quite so much as usual. It was rather good
of the hotel people, they did not charge me a penny
for anything all the season & really I ought to
have paid at least £6.00. Of course I send people
to the Hotel & I was there as doctor & so I hope that
perhaps I may be there again - Gardner who

I told you about ² gave me a full length wicker
deck chair, just what you wanted to get for
Father's Desert. It will be very nice during
the hot weather at Port Said.

Blacker has got everything into very perfect order
at Mena & if I should by chance succeed
him I should have my work cut out to do
things as well. We came in here together
on Monday & had rather a long day going
to see Dr. Milton operate at Kass-el-Aini
& then to see some pictures of the Holy Land at
an artist's studio, lunched at Shepheard's
& did other things afterward. Did I tell
you that just like last year I lost my
light overcoat ~~at~~ from Shepheard's hall,
the only other I had was my pilot's as I
literally had to get a new one. I had a
light Inverness cape made at the military
outfitters here (everything awfully expensive
£3.5.0 the least I could get). & now the
beastly old coat has turned up (taken by
mistake) & I've wasted ~~£3.5.0~~ £3.5.0.
I went for a walk after tea with Huleatt right
thru' the native quarter & out on to the

sand hills beyond, the ending between
town & desert is quite abrupt & it was
a fine sunset all the minarets & Dome
dark against a red sky & the Nile & the
pyramids in the distance. It is the
month of "Ramadan" when on water may
be drunk, no food taken or not even a
cigarette smoked between 6 A.M. & 6 P.M.
It is terrible during the hot S. wind Khamisin
days. A gun fires from the citadel at 6 a.m.
& then all the water carriers have a busy
time of it. The Arabs are often so thirsty
they cannot drink ~~to~~ at first but only
gargle. The mosquito's are so ~~awful~~ I must
go to bed. We have had a
dinner party & they are biting thru the silk
Alexandria. Hotel Khedivial - April 18th.
Here we are on our start for Jerusalem.
Mr. J. J. Blacker, Mr. Dick Chamberlain &
self left Cairo at 5.00 yesterday evening



Lately Strangford Hospital

Port Said, April 19. 91. I. 54/40

Here I am writing in what will be
my future quarters & very nice
they seem to be. I have a sort of
bungalow to myself divided into
two big rooms with doors & windows
everywhere. The Hospital is quite
of the bungalow type but very airy
& hot as it is quite cool & a
~~to~~ delightfully fresh sea breeze blowing.
We got in quite early & of course it
was crowded to a degree so we came
off to the Hosp^l & after breakfast
I went back & got my luggage &
brought it up here. I had lunch
with the Harringtons, he is com-
mandant of police here, was
with Uncle H. in Rifle Brigade.
I wrote to D. Jameon as I had
not a chance of calling on him
before leaving Cairo. I'm glad to
here Father says you are better. I'm
afraid the weather is pretty awful
still.

Please thank Harry for his letter
to me, tell him to do what he likes
about "Water Baby", not to let
it unless he is well satisfied
about the person he is going to let
to. I should think some of the
Nitty men might do.

Would you copy out my certificate
for Wace & from R. S. H. Infirmary
& send to me as I might want
it for Maena.

I must be off now to see the
Treasurer of the Hosp. before em-
barking again for Jaffa.

Good bye, love to you all.

Your loving son.

Will.

Thanks to Isabel & Annie
for letters.

I think the account & book keeping
will be the worst thing here as of course
there is no Secretary & the M.O. & the
Matron have to do everything.

I have a copy of Remarch you gave
me about a year ago. I think the
one you send now must be your
2nd copy & as I think Graham has
one I won't send it to him until I hear
you wish me to do so.

I shall have to hire a pony here
for the sake of the exercise & try to
always get a ride quite early in the
morning while it is cool. There is also
tennis, cricket & boating of sorts,
but one cannot be out there too late
to take much exercise in the evening,
walking is pretty well out of the question
as it is all sand & leads nowhere!
Maud mald went off in the "Cuzco" an
Orient ship & a very fine vessel indeed.
I met my old school fellow from
W. Ho. & his wife & small boy!
are very nice & I'm glad they are
here.

L.I. Hospital
Port Said
May 4. 91.

My dear Father.

I'm just sending you a line to tell
you I'm settling down here all right,
find the ^{new} quarters comfortable
& as far as comforts go I shall do very
well. One of the sisters has got things
with me & the other at Gt. Bernard St.
There is a naval medical officer, a
Staff Surgeon Williams, in here with
Malta fever, rather badly & difficult
patient, he knows a good many of the
Nether people & has lately been at Harby.
I think Dr. Bruce wrote especially on
Malta fever, if there is any small book
or pamphlet on the subject I should
be glad to have it as one gets a good
many cases here & there is very little
about it in the ordinary text books.
There is a nice fellow a surgeon on
the gunboat here who comes up a good
deal & will give me a hand if I want it.

A lot of people go off ^{morning} today (fr. Cairo & Mena)
in a P. & O. ship & I have a doctor from Cairo
spending the night here on his way home, he did
Blackers' work at Mena while we were in Palestine.
He is going to start practice in Cairo next year.
I'm glad to hear Mauid Morrison is going on well
it must have been a big fall.
Tell Mother Macdonald he sent me a lot of ducks
& I shall get them under clothes here tho' they are
dear & bad so it is not worth while having ^{them} out
from home where I cannot ~~sell~~ sell them & so shall
~~be~~ put along all right till I get back.

We have not many cases in at present what to a
good thing. I have sent home by Macdonald ~~to~~ my
black wooden box with skins & curios. The key will
come separately by post. There is a fox skin
for Charlie which should be ~~safely~~ properly
dressed at Yemens.

Best love to you all.

Yours affecⁿ son.

Will

Tuesday Aprth 54/43
May 12. 91.

The mail steamer is late & I have
time to add a line. The P. & O.
has expected at 10.00 this morn.
& I went round the Hoof^l early
in order to go down to her as I
know a good many people including
Blacker who are going off. However
she is not expected till 5.00
now & as it is blowing a roaring
Khamsin & the air is full of dust
I hope it will have gone down
before then as I must go down
to the town anyhow. It is gener-
ally lovely weather at this time
of year & some days have been
beautiful, as a rule the wind
springs up in the S. about 10.00
& gradually works round the
W. to N.W. & blows steadily all day.
It is when it is E, N.E. or S.E. that
it is bad generally damp & muggy
but there is not much of it at
this time of year.

Will you ask Father if he has any difficulty about
getting a copy of my registration to send me the
original which I think is in my tin cases of diplomas
or else among the other papers in the tin box in his
dressing room. A copy would do I believe quite well.
I'm afraid my letters will get very short from
here as there is not much to tell you. The
parson name is Strange, I don't know if he is
a relation to our friend of that ilk, he is
a good fellow & a gentleman, but not interesting.
Will you thank Julia for a letter she sent me
the other day, I'm glad to hear the seeds are
coming up. Mr Stapledon the Treasurer here

comes from Northam, W. Hants! & his father has a big
house there. It is a little world & in some way
this is nearly the centre of as far as communication
goes.

With my best of love to you all.

Will.

However one hardly ever walks
as it does not much matter,
donkeys are common motors &
most people have ponies. I hope
to hire one soon but have not
done so yet. There are some nice
people here, but when Miss
Jennings & Peake (whom she is
going to marry) go home to Eng-
land, two of the nicest will
have gone. Peake comes from
Somerset. his father was very many
years in the Survey Office & is
now over 78 years old. An elder
brother of this Mr. Peake lived
with Sir Colin for a year or two.
I fancy I told you a good deal
about the Sir Colin ménage did
I not. They are very happy I
should say & she is very nice,
rather shy, well read, rather clever
dreamy & poetical. Sir Colin is
at office or good works every day
from 7.30 till 5. then rides, calls
26 & dines.

L 54/44
L. J. Hospital
Port Said
Sunday, May 14/91

My dear Mother.

Thank you for your letter of
the 30th June with Harry's &
the certificates you had copied
out for me. I'm sorry to say
that they will be of no use for
what I wanted them about you
will see by the enclosed letter
which please return. I must
say it is a very great disap-
pointment to me, because
as you say it would have been
such a good thing to be settled
down, but there are other ways
of looking at it too. It would
have been comparatively speak-
ing an idle, luxurious kind of
a life, almost as much so as
the Nile, & since I have been

Here in Hosp! I have felt very much how slack
in every way one gets ~~not~~ after two years of near-
ly doing nothing. In one it is very bad for
anyone & perhaps especially for me, ~~too slides~~
as I slide pretty easily into a groove & soon
get used to the life that I'm living at the
time. I think this 4 months of responsible
work will be good for me tho' of course it is
a considerable change at first. I shan't
think of next winter just yet but soon I must
do so & then will let you know what I think I have
on the subject. I am very comfortable here & the
sisters & the matrons are all nice. We are right

on the very edge of the sea, the northern balcony
being within 30 yards of the breakers. The private
wards & the matrons sitting room open out on to
this balcony & they say during the hottest days
it is generally cool outside as it hardly gets the
sun at all. In the hot weather we lunch & dine
on the balcony. I'll try & send you some photos
this week. I think I told you one of the sisters
came from King & one fr. Ormond St. It is
rather curious. The walks are limited here as you
may imagine, along the shore by the sea for 4
or 5 miles or rather more till the sand becomes a
mere bank. Then along the canal bank which has
tamarisks & other scrub along it with a few birds & mice

seems flourishing but hard worked
 my skin was wonderfully well when
 I bathed in the Dead Sea but
 also now it is getting quite bad
 again, it is of course the damp
 salt air which is doing it. I don't
 wonder at the sudden heat taking
 it out of you all, it has been very
 cool since I have been here but
 everyone says very bad weather
 for the time of year it there has
 been a great deal of east wind
 & damp. It is better now & the
 sea bathing is always lovely.
 I'm glad to hear that Mrs. Stone
 is better again. The Weekly Times
 publishes very badly for coming
 here & I saw all the news for
 a week later at the same
 day in the Overland mail. We are
 fairly well supplied with papers
 here, much more than I have time
 to read. Glad to hear Jack has
 gone to the Willie Huttons it
 is very nice for him.

L. I. Hospital
 Port Said
 May 22. 96.

My dear Mother

Thank you very much for yr.
 long letter of the 14th with Father's.
 I'm glad my letter from Jerusalem
 proved interesting as I'm afraid I
 can't send you much in the way of
 interest from here. By the same
 mail as yours I had a very cheer-
 ful letter from Mrs. Macnab, a
 terribly sad one from Mrs. Mackenzie
 who has had to give up her case
 at Weistaden & struggle home to
 England to when when she got there
 that she had peritonitis added
 to her rheumatic fever is now in
 small rooms in 48, George St., Port-
 man Square & as she says in a
 pencil scribble hardly cares if she
 lives or dies, it is too dreadful.
 I have written to Miss Gouglaz about
 her. I also heard from Ella

Glad Harry has been to the Ballards & has found out C. Laurence's work shop. It would have been absurd to have ensured the "W. Baby" as we could not claim 20 links she was pretty well destroyed. If you see Master Jerry or Evans tell them to write me a line some time, I really have not got much time for letter writing here.

Hearing of the field club & thinking of those water meadows with lots of sorrel & yellow & pink cups & the May all in flowers makes one's lungs yearn. We've had a fly catcher on the ~~floor~~ ^{balcony} for the last two days & about my balconies for the last two days & I wondered if by chance he was bound for our ~~the~~ ^{the} balcony at home.

I had a good ride yesterday with the Doctor from the "Sandfly", the first ride I've had since I have been here. I have not hired a pony yet as I have not been able to find a decent one. I like Hewlett the Naval doctor very much, but unluckily his boat is just off to Malta in fact I believe he went last night. I was dining with the Harringtons last night & have to dine with Mr. George Royle the R. & O. agent tonight, he is the King of Port Land & is generally known as "Royal George". It is a great place for dining out, which is rather a bore, as I have my evenings for reading etc, but one has to do the polite at first. Tomorrow evening we are going to have a little "sing song" for the patients in the ward, with aft. tea for the performers in my room first, in honor of the Queen's birthday the next day.

to Hobhouse & will enquire of him. If the seal was a black one, oval shape with deeply cut hieroglyphs, an imprint of which I don't have in wax. Some time ago, it does belong to Hobhouse & is very valuable. My quarters, all domestic arrangements, cooking etc are excellent - the sister very nice so I must consider myself fortunate & especially as I hope to make about £100.00 a month by private work beyond my pay. The work is a good deal more than I expected, but of course I'm not very quick & also like to spend a good long time in the wards over the cases. I have not had any more Malta F. in yet, but 4 very bad cases of Java fever of a very bad type indeed, note of wh. I shall keep.

L. I. Hospital ^{254/46}
Port Said
May 24. 91.

My dear Father.

Thank you very much for your letter of Mal. 14th. I only paid a short visit to D. Cant at the Eye Hospital, but everything looks in excellent order & everyone at Jerusalem spoke very highly of him & of his work. I'm writing to Graham to find out if he would like to have Tomarch's work. I am surprised to hear of a parcel of Egyptian things having come for me as I have not sent any home except in the big wooden box which has not yet arrived. I can't help fancying that they may belong to D. Hobhouse & have been sent to me by mistake. I'm writing

I shall be very glad to hear from Dr. Bruce re. Malta.
I had to do a laparotomy a few days ago in a
case of acute intestinal obstruction; I grieve to
say the man died but it was a most interesting
case & I will send you the notes later on. He
was brought in after 6 days of symptoms of acute
obstruction high up, but in very good general
condition as regards collapse etc. I tried palli-
-ative measures for 24 hours & then after con-
-sultation with Dr. Robertson of the native Hosp^l &
Hewlett R.N. settled to operate. Made median
incision fr. umbilicus to pubes & had to enlarge
it a little, examined all small intestine & found
a ~~very~~ constriction of ileum close to ileo-caecal valve

Relieved obstruction & had to sew up small perforation
of intestine, then had to puncture intestines in several
places to let out gas, irrigate out & sponge dry
before sewing up. Case seemed to recover well &
was capital at 7 a.m. next m^g; began to collapse
about 8-30. nothing would bring him round & he died
at 12 a.m. about 22 hours after opⁿ. P.M. showed
nothing more than the one constriction by band
which was quite relieved; no peritonitis & edges of
stitched gut sealed; so if he had only got over
the shock & collapse he might well have lived.
I ~~may~~ may add to this tomorrow for Tuesday's
mail but am not sure. So glad of the Duke's letter.
Much love from your affec^d son. Will

in case I should come back & require it. I think Cook's Doctors ought to register. Our new & stricter regulations have just come out.

Did I tell you that the cardboard box of curies & the watch from Mrs. Huleatt belong to Gore Graham & that he wants them sent to his home. I gave them to Huleatt in a great hurry just before leaving for Palestine & forgot to write home about them.

It is rather amusing about Aunt Polly & the basket but it won't really matter & G. G. can get plenty more.

I am so glad to hear of Col. Fothergill's good account of Jack & his work. It is very satisfactory & so all the more creditable as the work must get very stale going thro it again & again.

I have just been finishing monthly reports, accounts etc. etc. & sending them off to Sir John Stokes. The

L 54/47



June 3-91.
2-56.

My dear Father

Thanks for your letters of Sat. 3. 16th & Wed. 28th May. They both got here the same day, one in the morn. & the other in the evening, but the P.O. Brindisi mail was early or else the letter of the 16th would have been a day earlier ahead. It came via. Alexandria & I think French mail. I don't think I answered your letters by last week's mail but am not sure. Thanks for the 2 vols. "Practitioner" & B. M. J. I should not see enough cases to make any special observations.

Thank you for the copy of registration which has been forwarded by the Consul to Cairo. It is so well to have it done

book keeping is a bother & this month as I was fresh to it & the Hospital was very full there was a good deal to do.

I'm getting rid of my Naval patient Dr. Williams today as he is a terrible old bore & inflicts himself on me a good deal I'm very glad.

I have had a great deal of difficulty in getting a pony but I think I have raised one now. Will you ask mother not to send off the things till she hears from me as there may be a box being sent from London with which they would come.

I have just got to go off to the mail steamer with Dr. Williams & will post this on board so I must leave off a letter very much devoid of news.

Major Stone went thro' the canal at night so that

I did not see him. Do you know when the Webbs come home I should not like to miss them.

With love to you all.

Your affec^d son.

Will.

not been at all unpleasantly hot.
It is just 81-2-6 now & is under
80° in my room which is about the
hottest part of the place. On a
good day the wind springs up about
11-2 & works round fr. S. to W.
& blows strong from the sea. If
the beach was a little sweeter it
would be very jolly, but all
these beaches on the Madagascarian
seem to have a sickly sort of
smell about them. In the evening
thousands & thousands of crabs
come up on the beach to scavenge
& go quite far from the shore.
I have seen them 200 yards from
the beach. Of course it is all sand
& they have holes & if they hear
any one coming they are off like
knives, scuttle a tremendous pace
& bolt down their holes like rats.
I thought at first in the dusk
that they were mice.

In scribbling for L. I. Hosp. C.
the P.O. mail L. S. Clyde. I have to June 3. 91
go on board to see
Mr. Dr. Williams R.N. who has been ill
here & is going home
Love to you all
Will

My dear, Isabel.
Thanks for your long letter
of last week with all your
Netley & other news. It does
not matter about the letter to
Maud Beaton as there was
really nothing in it. I'm glad
to hear that she is flourishing.
I'm also glad to hear there are a
good set at Netley & that Penny
Evans & Co are enjoying the water.
I wish I had her here, there is
nothing decent to sail in. Most
of the people who have boats have
old men of war boats with a
lug sail & don't go outside the
harbours. I have only been out
sailing twice. We shall go
more often presently when it is
hotter. Up to the present it has

at night as one ³rides along the shore they look very odd as they hear the pony coming they bolt in hundreds to the sea & as the wave comes in they are tumbled over & over in the surf. Then you see the bolder ones standing up high & looking all round with their eyes about $\frac{3}{4}$ in. out of their head to see if the danger is over as the waves come you see them tuck in their eyes & tuck under their legs & ~~crouch~~ crouch down & then make a bolt up the sand again to try & get back before the next one comes.

As you may imagine there is not much to see in the way of Natural History so one looks at what there is.



It is rather hard to see all the minor people that go away the Mr. Stranglers have got into the same notice & the Chalcididae of the cuckoo & a very nice fellow, the orange ant. a very nice lady they live near Kensington. I like you & is a nice girl they live near Kensington. I like you very much & you must be a particularly good. Will you tell me how they live in the box of the ant. of mine which I have made. Will you send 24 of these little green & white muckies. Will you send 24 of them to Mrs. Buckle 75, Remond's Garden, S.W. There is a rather nice blue scarab with long hump. I thought you would like to have a lot of insects kind of work. I am doing a lot of insects kind of work. The blue are quite quickly.

2 Sunday June 7

Very awfully sorry to hear about
your Rose. I indeed hope that
Lusie may escape. It certainly is
most frightfully depressing as I
know too do yet we do not seem
to have to go to it here, tho it has
occurred at Egit. I had a case
here which I think was suffering
from the results of "La grippe".
As you say C. M. O. must have
really grand courage & pluck
to do work with such tremendous
go - always be so cheerful.
One largely the result of the
other I expect.
I hope Jack will get off the
drill all right, it would be
rather hard to have to go thro
the prelim. work again. I should
think it would be a good thing
to have the walk in London to
his work & back especially during
the warm weather.
I have got a pony now which I
hire at \$1 a week. It is not at

(2 pp)



L 54/48

June 6. 1891.

My dear Father

Thank you for your letter of
the 2nd & 2nd of May. I can't help
being a good deal amused at your
mistaking J. R. Ker (Mr Ripley Ker)
for Dr. Blacker! Certainly the signa-
ture was not clear, but at the time
Dr. Blacker had only just left Egypt
& as if you remember he had been
travelling with me in Palestine & with
me here at the Hospital!! Mr Ker
will also be rather surprised at
getting a letter addressed to Dr. Blacker.
Blacker was going to work in London
during the summer & look up for
a practice in or near town to settle
down in before getting married -
I have written to Mr Ripley Ker & ex-
plained matters.

Very much of an animal but I get a
good jog up on it along the sand every
evening & it is beautifully fresh & cool as yet
towards sunset & very jolly seeing the sunsets
over the sea. It is of course quite a level
beach & a very slight rise at full of tide.
I have not done much during the last week.
I got Mr. Williams off by the P. & O. boys to
Plymouth ~~stop~~! all the Naval papers one has
to sign are rather an insight into red-tapism.
A few days ago he had 3 little English
"stowaways" come up here. It looked very odd

to see 3 regular little dirty street ragamuffins
come up the road. They belonged to Birkenhead
& had hid in a ship going to Calcutta for
the ropes they said of getting work there. They
all looked about 15 & one had been to sea several
times but I should have got into trouble & so
could not get work. Of course they were handed
over to the Consul here & are to be sent home
as soon as possible where I suppose they will get
put in "chokey", poor boys. One had got Ophthalmia
of one eye so we took him in which was a treat
for him as they were living at a very dirty Greek
boarding house where they were devoured by beasts of
all kind!

very bad but some of them are of enormous size, there are two or three sorts of ants, innumerable spiders, some of whom jump in a very curious way, flies, moths besides numerous small fly much as fleas etc. It is a great charm its being so quiet & quite away from the town & now as I'm writing there is not a sound except the steady roll of the waves breaking on the beach.

Our sanitary arrangements are simple everything goes into the sea & is carried away to the eastward by the current, supporting large numbers of sharks, dogfish, crabs etc. We also support several families of cats & pariah dogs, the number of which I think I must reduce with my gun, as they tend to increase with great rapidity. There is one large pariah dog with three half grown wolfish looking puppies.

2 6 June 1891 L. 54/48

I asked the boy how he got his eye bad & he said "Plese sur I was a muskitter so hit it". Tomorrow Dr. Robertson at the Native Hosp'l does a lithotomy at which I'm going to help him. He does not get many operations. Today an Army Chaplain & his wife have been on their way back to Cairo from Palestine, they came to tea & stayed to our little evening service in the ward & then after they had gone I had some other callers & so only got 1/2 an hour's ride before dinner. I had Mr. Cook's head clerk from Jerusalem to dinner, a very nice young fellow who was at Cairo during the early part of the season. With all 4 sisters here we are quite a large party at dinner. This place being built of wood & the climate being moist & hot, creatures of all kinds swarms & cockroaches are not

which live in a hole just outside the door & quite look on the place as their private property driving away with great vigor anything that come near the place, their special delight being a large drone of pigs which come by night & morning & are ignominiously put to squealing flight by the pariah family —

There are rather a nice set of men on the new ship the "Land rail" of course they are only very small ships which stay here this one has 6 officers & about 100 men. As a rule they go on to Makin or Onez as guard ship there. This ship has a fife & drum band which they play to 2 from church

I also make a very great addition to the choir. I think you have a French, Italian, German, English phrase book, if so & you are using much I should be very glad of it as we have patients of all & every lingo here, Italian is much spoken, I'm picking up a little. Will you ask Mother to send off the things as soon as ready, I shall not bother about anything else except ~~some~~ some good sweet pea & nasturtium & canary seed. I should think the things could come by Parcel Post they take a good large packet addressed to Dr. Longmore, Medical Officer, L.S.H. — The plants will have time to grow as they jump out of the ground here & I don't suppose I shall be back till end of August.

With much love to you all

Your affecⁿ son. Will

They play Port Said at cricket
Thursday -

It's no use my bothering on
so I'll be off to bed & write
by alexandria mail.

Best love to you all.

Will.

This letter is a shame after
your long one.

L. J. Hooper^{F 54/49}
June 16. 1891.

My Dearest Mother

I was just going to begin a
letter to you but I see it is just
on 12 o'clock so I must tumble into
bed. We don't generally dine
till 7-45, I go round the
wards at 9 o'clock with the night
sister, then have a cup of tea,
enter new patients, discharge
private patients & diary &
write letters & before me has
time to turn round it is quite
late. I don't know where the
Calthorpe Club Barge is. I remem-
ber it was hanging up on the
schoolroom wall & was just away
somewhere, where I don't know.

Thursday night.

I ought to be just sitting down to write to you, but now I've been round the shop - & finished what writing I had to do, I'm so awfully sleepy that (tho' one of the sisters has just brought me some tea) I feel the only thing for it is to go to bed.

I have sent home a little parcel with two little birds & directions by Mr Peake who goes to London. After a week or two would you write to Miss Jennings, etc.

F. Peake Esq, 16. or 17. East Park Terrace & ask her & Mrs P. to go over to Worlstone. They are slightly "frumpish" but have been very kind to me & will tell you about the shop & Port Said.

Nothing has happened since last mail. Time goes pretty quickly

I have plenty to do & with a short snooze after lunch, a little tennis or ~~more~~ more usually a ride in the evening, the days aren't half long enough (in a way)! I'm mostly asleep.

I'm a little more awake now, I heard a mottle behind & looked up & there was a huge stray yellow cat on the arm chair just behind. It gave me such a turn I have to shoot the cats here. They are too awful, quite stray & live in the rubbish under the shop &c. - I have had 3 men at work clearing out accumulation of rubbish & a big bonfire going on the beach, a case of new brooms. Three small gun boats in row & an O.W.P. called Millar on me who has been here this aft. -

too quickly so that they got quite
knocked up & I had to quite a bus-
iness to get them home. The saddle
weren't very good & they only had little
cotton drawers on & they got rubbed.
I had to put my ~~own~~ coat for a
pad for the little boy & the girl
rode on my donkey "Woyo-wayo" on
my back & walked alternately.
However we got back all right & tho
pretty late as it was a slow mode
of progression, gave them some
hot soup & sent them off home very
tired but thinking it great fun.
Poor poor children, their father is
a Swedish missionary, mother a
german lady & there are 8 children
in a stuffy little house in P. Said
they speak beautiful English & are
very well educated.

The cocaine application for Mrs S.
was very successful, I had a nasty
case of poisoning from it the other
day I injected it for phimose & made
a large incision without any pain

(298)



L 54/50

June 29. 91.

My dear Father.

I wrote to Mother a few days
ago & sent it off but I should
not wonder if you get it the
same day as this which will
go off by the P. & O. mail to
Brindisi tomorrow.

My pony is not a very great
success & I am looking out for
another one, as you say it is
a great advantage being able
to get rid of it at any time.
One of the little stowaways got a
berth as steward's boy on a ship
the other were sent home. The
one we had in Hosp. looked
fine when he went out with an
old straw hat of mine some

white ducks with tricks all over
a pair of Macdonald's patent ba-
ther shoes & a huge scarf despite
the thermom^r being nearly 90° F.
His small feet used to come up
& ~~see~~ see him every day & bathe
just opposite the Hosp^l making
beautiful cast wheels in a state
of nature. We have a row of
small bathing boxes quite near
& as both sexes bathe promiscuously
& in scanty costume their antics
cause a good deal of diversion to
the British sailor.

Thanks for sending conversation
book, I shall find it useful.
I have not done much since I
wrote. There is really not much
work to do but always some
little stupid thing to take up
one's time. This month there have
been 60 inpatients treated in the
Hospital, the monthly reports ^{only}

give space for 52 so you see
it is a great deal over the usual
number. I find I make £3 or 4
a week extra by shipping &
certificate work, but going on
board the ships is disagreeable
as they are generally waiting &
filthy dirty. Various of the
doctors are of course pretty low
class here, in fact really quacks
& one or two are supposed not
to ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~have~~ ~~the~~ qualified & to have
registered in Egypt in the old
shipshod backshod days. They
have boats & board the ~~the~~ ships
coming in like the turn-boat women
& the decent ones say they have to
do it to compete with the others.
I took some children out for a
donkey ride along the beach on
Saturday after tea with the sisters
& myself. a little boy of 8 &
a girl of 10, they were not very
strong & the donkeys went rather

2
29 June 1891

L 54/50

When the man suddenly got there
about the lips, faint & collapsed
with cold numb feet & small
weak pulse. I dosed him with
Brandy, Ether ammonia & strychnin
& he came round all right but I
was anxious for a while.

I have my quarterly report to
make out this month, but I
find the books very fairly easy to
keep now. I have no difficulty
about money, there is a local
treasurer & I just write to him
for a cheque when I require it.
I go thro the matrons' books
weekly pay her for current ex's
servant wages, nurses salaries
etc. I shall not draw my pay
till I leave unless I require money.
I'm afraid I can't find a photo
of the Hospital as, but will
get one done before I leave.

I've written to the Webbs & will let you know
what I hear.

I shall not be able to acknowledge the parcel
by this mail but expect I shall get it on
Wed. or Thurs.?

I am anxious to hear about Ossie.

With love to you all.

Your affec. son.

Will.

Will you please send the
enclosed note to Dr. Gibson
of Coues. I ~~don't~~ have
forgotten his initials &
exact address. You will
see it in medical register
he is M.B.C.S., #4, R.C.P. 189

— House - Coues -
J. J. Wright.

Has Mary H. Come home? if so
tell her to write me a line
I say how they are all getting
on.

Hospital is getting quite empty
again now.

With much love to you all.

Ever your loony son.

Will

L. I. Hospital L. 54/51
Port Said
July 8. 91.

My Dearest Mother.

I was awfully sorry to hear
by Father's letter last week that
you had been quite laid up but
hope by now you are quite ~~yourself~~
yourself again. But sure you do
too much of that beastly garden-
ing stopping so much. Really is
not fit for you, you'll get the
apple blight some day if you do.
I'm sending you some rather amu-
sing photos. I self & Blacker
self on donkey is very fine
just outside the Damascus gate
Jerusalem, such a brute of a
donkey too. The others were from
the top of Howard Hotel, we
had a string to pull to make
the show work.

Graham's letter is most exciting
I'm afraid he is pretty rash.
I think the Inland or Win-
chester would like to see it.
Please keep it. (The Mosquitos
are awful tonight & I'm covered
with terebene to try & keep them off.)
I'm writing in one of your new
flannel vests & a pair of the
flannel trousers plus a summer
band that is all & I can assure
you I'm not cold. All the things
are very nice and came capitally.
It is much better than trying to
get them here. I have not
sown the seeds in yet, but I have
several flourishing crops of young
plants coming on. I don't think
I have any news to tell you &
it is past mail time so I'm
going to send the night watch-
man on board the steamer. I have
been writing nearly all day on &
off since 6.30 - i.e. A.M., but I

a good sleep in the middle of the
day & played two sets of tennis in the
evening so am not very tired.
Thank Isabel for her scrap. I have
written to B. D. C., I did not
know of any affection in that quar-
ter. I was of course awfully glad
to hear of Susie & have sent her
a line & sorry it is not a girl.
It is jolly to hear of S. Maclean
mumming about London like a
boy. Harry will be home
when you get this & I hope he
& the "Water Baby" are both
flourishing. You must all be
at home in September or not
further off than Swanage. I
wonder what Susie will do.
I must send this off. It is a
rotten letter, but the details
of a small hospital & the
rides along the beach don't
make much to write about.

Wednesday. July. 15th.

We are on the outlook for the mail steamer from Brindisi. It is the "Mirzapore" today the old boat I came out from England in two years ago & as she is a slow boat the mail may be late. The regatta of yesterday was very amusing as the French people managed the racing very badly & all the drabs thought they ought to have prizes & had a free fight just outside the Tribune or Grand Stand using oars, tillers, ropes and boat hooks etc promiscuously. However none was much hurt & they were all very happy in the end. We had a great scare in the harbour a few days ago, a small Russian ship caught fire & as she had a lot of explosive material on board including dynamite & was lying close to the large quay

(27)

L. 54/52

L. I. Hospital

Port Said

July. 14. 1891.

My dear Father.

The mail does not go for a couple of days but I will start a letter so as to try & get it well finished before mail day when I generally have a rush to get everything off in time. I think with Charlie I should go on with a small dose of the cod l. oil every night so as not to get him out of the habit of taking it, it must I'm sure be very good for him. I was glad to get Mother's letter & know she was really getting on towards being all right again. For the last three weeks I have

been in correspondence with S^r
Cant of the British Eye Hospital
at Jerusalem. He wants me to
take his work for about 3
months while he is away in
England. I told him I must
go home after I leave here &
that I intended going up the
river after Xmas & so should
have a difficulty in getting in
the time he required. He is will-
ing to fit in with my time.
I plan as far as possible
& as I should probably like the
work & was very well while in
Palestine I shall very likely
go. I also think it is a job
you would like me to have as
all the S^r John's people are in-
terested in the work. I shall
try & get away from there as
early as I possibly ^{can} so as to have
as long with you all as possible.

in England
so of course my stay cannot ~~last~~
be very long. The voyage
home will be a good thing by
long sea after the hot weather
here & I can come back overland.
The Hospital has got quite a
few patients now & really no
bad cases & now all the
English families have gone home
I do not have much to do in
the town, so am much less
busy. This is a good thing as
the hot weather certainly makes
one awfully lazy & sleepy.
I got the second parcel of
books etc all right. I'm glad
to have a good supply as I change
several times a day.
Tomorrow is the French Fête
Nationale & there is a regatta,
all sorts of festivities with
illuminations at night all got
up by the French people.

2

L 54/52

14 July 1891

— there was a great scare. They said there were a lot of prisoners & some women on board which made it worse, but that was contradicted afterwards. All the large ships in harbour sent their boats with fire apparatus, the town fire brigade & the police were out in great force & finally they scuttled the ship & put the fire out. They say if it had exploded the whole town would have been wrecked, as the houses are high & jerry-built I should it might have destroyed the whole place. Dr Maclean is quite wonderful, I'm very glad to hear he is going to write his life, it will be very good reading. Will you thank Harry for his letter inclosed & for all the yachting news. Tell him he had

better improve the Shining hour
I go in for one of the Miss Lamberts
& then perhaps he can build a
5 water to cut out the "Wind fall"
I'm glad Mother is enjoying the
strawberries. We have lots of
fruit here but very watery &
flavorless & a few strawberries
would be a great treat, however
I had my share last year. The
necklace Mrs Threlfall had
cost very little, I will write
her a line. Glad the flycatchers
have flown safely.

I have other letters to write &
the Doctor & his locum tenens &
the Egyptian Hospital are coming
to dinner so I must leave off.

With love to you all.

Your affecⁿ son.

Will.

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté. ✕ بهذا الوجه يتحرر العنوان فقط

اتحاد البريطة العام
مصر
تذكرة بريطة

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A Sir Thomas Longmore CB
Woolstone
M. Southampton.
England



L. 54/42
L. J. Hosp^l - Port Said. May 7th

Will you write for I send
to me a copy of my re-
-gistration as a medical
practitioner from the
Medical Registry Office.
I do not know what has
to be paid for a copy & it
would be difficult to send
the amount from here. I
think I shall have to enter
on the Egyptian Medical Registry
which is a bother. ~~Many~~ Mail
just in & letter from M.
with enclosures rec^d. I am
all night & will write on
Sunday - Good weather here
just now, not very hot.
W.L.

L. J. Hospital -

I 54/53

July 23rd 1891.

Recd. mine of July 16th

My dear Father.

Thanks for your note enclosed with Mother's Charles & Harry's, one is very glad to hear all the news. It is indeed strange that Dr. Gordon should have been at the opening & closing lecture of your Professorship with those long 31 years intervening. I

greatly regret not being home in order to have been at Netley, I shall always be sorry for it. Tell Harry to have the boat thoroughly well done up, it is no good doing it by halves. Any real packages the men who hired her ought to have paid for over & above their regular price. I'm very pleased to hear he has done so well.

I had not seen any notice of Mr. Gordon's death, I suppose you mean Mrs. G. of Foulham. I hope you will get on all right in London it is stuffy there at this time of year.

The weather is not at all bad here now but I shall be glad if I find myself on

the "Arcadia" the 20th of next month.
My relief does not come till the 26th.
But I hope to get a substitute for the
few days. Charlie's letter is capital &
has quite a lot of news in it.

I heard from S. Blacker from London this
mail, he has put a door plate up &
is ~~not~~ waiting but says it is very weary
work, he says no one is yet appointed
to Mena Hotel, but I could not take
it now as I shall not be back in Cairo
from Jerusalem till end of December &
besides I would not ask again, if they
want me they can apply!

No special news here, weather really
very nice now if one has not to vex one
self.

With love to you all,

Yours affec^tly son,

Will

I can't have a very nice horse &
I shall be able to ride all over the
place.

With love to you all.
Will

Dear Father

I think there is a small machine
made for practising iridectomies
cataract operations etc on defunct

sheep's eyes, which I have been
told is extremely useful, if you
can find out about this & it is not
very expensive would you get me
one & I could use it when home as
no doubt Mr. Wade could supply
me with the other details.

I should think the Russian Bond
arrangement decidedly good.

Glad to know you both got on pretty
well in London.

Not much more to do now.

W.

L.S. Hospital
July 20 91

L 54/54

My dear Charlie

Thanks very much for your letter.

I'm sending you some stamps & post marks
as I think you are collecting. Poor Harry

I hope he will be healed by now &
able to go sailing in the "Gorgone" again.

Sister Alice the Veterinarian has got a
little long puppy called "Monkey Poo"

& she & Joan & Joan the cat fight
awfully. A new patient came yesterday

& brought a parrot with him & it
yells rather. Sister May says she

will get a monkey & I think I
shall get a mongoose & we will have

a happy family.



I'm glad to hear all the fruit is ripe. Green figs
& small green plums & pear are all the rage here
now & the figs are very good indeed. Tomorrow
Sister Mary & Sister Maria & Mr. Gering are all
going out together on ponies & as they don't
ride very much, I hope we shan't have any accident.



This morn. I have got a long letter
fr. Father partly written in London
& finished at home also one from
Rorie at Clifton & one from Julia, please
thank every one for them. I should
think Rorie will be such a swell at
cricket we shan't know what to do
with her. I'm glad Jack has gone to
Mrs. Matheson's I think it will be
nice for him there.

That jester the patient brought is an
angel brute, it began yak yacking
at about 4 o'clock this morn. & woke
me up, I was so wild I'm afraid
we shall have to make a person
joke of it yet.

There is no wind today & it is piping
hot & there is nothing exciting to
tell you of & in less than 3 weeks
I hope to be off & I shall be awfully
glad to pack up my traps & be
off.

Tell Father the Hospital at Jerusalem
is quite outside the town on the
hilly road fr. Jerusalem to Bethlehem

It is rather nice being able to leave all my things here & only come back to England with a couple of Gladstone bags, I shall stay here on my way up to Jerusalem & take what I want then. The ants & beetles are something awful, all over the place, they eat up everything & get thro' a tin box.

This letter is absolutely "footling" but there is nothing to say. However the mail is just in & I may send something tomorrow.

Love to you all.

Your affecⁿ brother.

Will.



L 54/55

August, 5. 1891.

My dear Noice.

What a capital time you must have had staying with the Tyffes, frightfully swaggy. You playing with all these "books" & having Grace to umpire for you. I'm sending Annie Tyffe one or two good Egyptian photos for the frame, a good deal better than my ugly ones.

I really have not any news to tell you as things go on

quietly & monotonously here.
It is always hot & one lives
mopping & dripping, but I
really feel the heat very
little up here. In some
of the poor people's houses I
have been into at in the
town it is something too
awful. However if all is
well I start this day fortnight
- might so it won't be any
good writing to me here after
you get this. I expect I shall
be at Brindisi about 22nd,
Malta 25th, Gt. 28th.
P & O S.S. "Arcadia" will find
me. I have had one or two
good sails lately in the
Suntboats gig, she has a
centre board & a big keel
& sails really very well.

I go out with the Doctor
who is a very nice fellow
& I hope will take my work
during the few days between
the time I leave & Dr. Colman
comes out here.

I have given up my horse
this week as it was not
worth while taking him on
for another month or I shall
have to play tennis by way
of exercise.

I'm awfully looking forward
to some sails in "Water Baby"
& do hope it will be first
in September. I have only
seen rain about 4 times
since I left England in Nov^r
last & shall hardly know
what it looks like now.

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté. ✕ بهذا الوجه يتحرر العنوان فقط

اتحاد البريولته العام
مصر
مذكورة بريولته

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A Lady Longmore
The Paddock
Woolstone
Southampton
England

L.I. Hospital
Thursday. Aug. 6th.

Thanks for yours of
July 30th. I'm glad to
hear all is well over at
Netley. So very sorry about
S^r Mackan & all the
others who seem bad. It
must have been a poor
muster at Netley this time.
Nothing fresh here. I have
been busy since early m.
Getting a poor young engineer,
with acute mania due to
fever, off a ship & up here
& now I'm afraid he is dying.
Pretty warm here now.

W.

L. 54/57



Aug. 13. 1891.

My dear Father.

Thanks for yours 2 Mothers
of August 6.

I'm delighted about Dr. Maclean.
I think you must have thought
Luxor Hotel was Mena. Luxor
is Cook's place in W. Egypt
which I applied for last year.
Dr. Gibson of Cowes is the
Medical Officer.

I do not think he is going to
leave, but I have written the
enclosed to Mr. Huleatt which
please read 2 forward.

Then if you should hear from
Huleatt that Gibson leaves
for certain send the enclosed
application to Mr. Cook.

Mr. J. M. Cook
Messrs T. Cook & Son.
Ludgate Circus
London.

If you do not hear for certain
from Ansell, keep application
till my return.

I hope this is clear.

I do not want to write to Gibson
on the subject or to Mr. Cook
unless it is quite certain that
Gibson has settled not to return
to Egypt.

About Marion Gairdner. There
is a Mr. G. just as much as
I'm glad to say there is a
Sir T. Longmore.

She is a niece of the great
D. Gairdner of Glasgow & lives
there, her father is head of a
large bank & a well known

Must send this off.

man in the north. They were on
Nile 2 years ago. I stayed there
while in Scotland last year
with Harry. He is a very
nice girl indeed, there were
a good many other Miss G's.
They will probably understand
all right.

I shall probably come at
once home & go to London
later on. I will take Isabel
to Dr. Duffin of Kings.

Mail boat is in & I have to
send these on board.

Your loving son.

Will

I will send application by next
mail, so you cannot hear from
Ansell till then.



^{L. 54/59}
Woolstone
N. Donthampton

August 14. 1891.

Dear Sir

I have been informed
that the Medical Officer
of the Luxor Hotel does not
return to Egypt & so am
writing to you.

Should my information
be incorrect I hope you
will excuse my letter,
distance preventing me
calling on you privately as
I should do were I in
England.

If however you again
require the services of
a medical man for
the Luxa Hotel & Hospital
I would remind you of
my letter to you on the
subject last year.

Since then another season
in your employ have
increased my knowledge
of the requirements of
invalids travelling in
Egypt & during my
stay at Port Said I
have improved my

French & Arabic speaking
powers as I have had
to make considerable use
of both languages.
I hope to be in England
shortly after this letter
will reach you.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
W. Monfmore.

W. John M. Cook.

Z. 54/60

Dear Father

I am sending enclosed
draft, which I can endorse
on my return.

I have registered the letter
I have No. of draft.

I hear from another source
that Mr. J. Luxon

does not return & that
some one is elected! If
so it is indeed hard.

We can't tell till I get
home.

With love to all.

Will

Port Said, 17th August 1891.

Dear Dr Longman,

Herewith draft, on
London for £80 & cheque for
£80 as arranged.

I am sorry we are
losing you even earlier than
anticipated but I fear your stay
in Port Said has hardly benefited
your new health as much as it has
the hospital.

Hope I shall see you
at my Goodbye

Yours sincerely
W. C. Hapgood

Aug. 21st 3.00

We are just getting in
to Brindisi in very
good time & v. fine
weather & mail bag
is just closing so
will post this.

Your lov. son.

Will.

S. S. "Arcadia"
Off W. coast of Greece
August 20. 91.

My dear Father.

I'm glad to say I got
off all right & now am
getting northwards every
hour & into cooler & more
bracing air. The day the
ship was due, Canton who was
to do my work came back
from Cairo & found ^{his} the ship
was ordered off for gun prac-
tise the next day for two
days. It was a great bore
as I had to get a man I do
not care for & of course had
a lot of running about be-
sides the ship's work to do
when I ought to have been at

work quietly packing. It is so hot that one ^{does not} feel much inclined to do much in the way of exertion except at early morning & in the evening. However I got off all night at 4.30 in the m. Lovely moonlight & two of the sisters came to see me off & went for a row by moonlight afterward. Now it is lovely with a fresh wind ahead & perfect blue sky & sea. There are not many 1st class passengers of course & I have a 3 berth cabin to myself. A brother of the King of Siam is on board with a large suite going

to England on some political mission I believe. I am sitting next to a Capt Griffin a son of Mrs Griffin of Boston. He is Inspector of ~~State~~ Warlike Stores at Malta. We are in very good time & making good speed so I hope we shall be back by the end of the month. Will you send the enclosed letter to

J. MacDonald Esq M.D.

Keonish

Toormore N.B.
N. Olan.

MEMORANDUM

L 54/62

In Your Reply Refer to

FROM

MESSRS. THOS. COOK & SON,

TOURIST & EXCURSION MANAGERS,

Chief Office: LUDGATE CIRCUS.

LONDON, E.C.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: COUPON, LONDON.

TO

189

Received from Mr Longmore
the sum of $8\frac{5}{6}$ on account of
passport & Turkish visa to be
supplied.

Thos Cook & Son
per Edgascoring

couple of days. He is the present head
of the ship building firm, I think
so I will be extra nice to him. I'll
try & at any rate get any in-
formation I can from him.

There are good many Calinese friends on
board but none I much care about
except Sir John. He says "Lady C. is
not very bad - I suppose it is
not the arrival of a third family."
Lady Grenfell is on board with a
young nephew who has just been in
for the military exam. from James.
He says he has not got thro' &
shall not go up again, so I suppose
he is going to Egypt to see if his
uncle can get him anything there.
I fancy he is a son of Pasce Grenfell
who is a very wealthy man & has a
big yacht, so I suppose he is all right.
I had rather a wretched day at
Verona as it rained most & I had
to see the sights with a guide & a

L 54/63
J. J. "Hydespe's"
Saturday 10/10/91

My dear Mother.

Here we are getting south every
hour & beginning to find that the
sun is pretty hot still. It is quite
calm tho most of the day has been
rather hazy. We were at Ancona
this m. & tomorrow at 10 we are
due at Brindisi. There we meet the
"Arcadia" & I'm going to try & get on
board here to Port Said as it will
save a great deal of trouble. She is
very full tho & I'm afraid I shall
not manage it. The only thing is
there is a Mr Gourlay on board here
a 1st cousin of my friend who joins
the "Arcadia" at Brindisi for Australia
& he has a cabin to himself & may
let me have a berth in it for the

drizzling umbrella - It is a beautiful old town but almost a city of the dead with its wide streets great big houses & no one going about. I had a nice morning in Venice as it was beautifully fine after the rain. So I went up to the top of the Campanile as I had not gone last time & had a wonderful view of the houses, towers & domes springing out of the water at ones feet.

It is curious how much better my cough gets directly I get on board ship, even now I am coughing much less than I was while in London with Harry.

I hope I shall get a letter from home tomorrow & I will leave this pen till I do. As I it was so much finer just as I left London perhaps you & Father may have gone down to Swanage. I hope you have.

Bridisi Sunday m.

Thanks to Father for his two P.C's - Sorry to hear you are having such awful weather. Hear it is bad too. Beautiful & most vivid lightning last night on both sides of ship & this morn. such torrents of rain & so dark that we could not see our way into the harbour. now it is fine so I have been having a walk with Sir Colin & have ~~just~~ seen about a berth for the Threabie which I hope to get all right. We wait here all day & of course there is nothing at all to do. Thank you for sending the passport, I shall get it all right at Padua. I've no doubt.

With love to you all

Will

2/2 so everyone was not quite new.
Because she was crammed full of
people & a good many celebrities
on board, all Lord Sheffield's
team going to Australia &
Mr & Mrs Stanley. The cricket
people were very jolly & tho' I
was only on 2 1/2 days we had a
good deal going on. Very good
athletic sports one aftⁿ & cricket
the next, a dance one evening &
concert the next. Glorious weather
not a ripple & just fresh enough
to be comfortably cool. She is a
most magnificent vessel & even
with the great crowd of passengers
& two dinners going every night
was well managed & comfortable.
We got in to Port Said at 6
on Thursday m^r. I met Twadie
(O.W.S.C.) the P. & O. vice agent
on board. I arranged to stay

In the P. & O. Office
Port Said. 54/64
Saturday Oct. 17/91

My dear Harry,

I wrote home fr. Brindisi
telling Father about the railway
accident to the express P. & O. train
& the sudden death of the "poor Capt"
of the "Hydaspes". The 1st Officer fr.
the "Ariadne" had to take command
of the "Hydaspes" & we both left
Brindisi together about 12 hours
late the next day. I had great
good luck getting a berth on
board the "Ariadne". They said they
did not think there was a single
berth but two people did not turn
up & I got their cabin, a double
one, to myself. A Mr Gourlay
who came down from Venice
with me came on board too

(3)
with him as they were full up at the Hosp^l.
I saw the ship off at 10.30. got my things
to Tweedie's place & then went to see the
Sister at the Hosp^l. There was a cricket match
on in the aftⁿ. Don said & the "Dolphin" the
English gunboats in Harbour they made me
play for D. said & I turned out a wonderful
bowler getting 6 wickets for 10 runs in the
1st innings & 4 in the second. No one was
more surprised than myself especially as the
ship was supposed to be rather good & able
to beat D. said easily. The weather is really

beautiful here now not nearly so hot ^{as} ~~there~~
was when I left but still damp at night.
I had rather an awful night of it the
first night. There was a ship coaling & making
a fiendish noise just outside the house
the mosquitos (who are swarming now) got inside
my net & I could not sleep. It was
horrible as I was pretty tired, after getting
up early, unpacking, playing cricket & a
big fish dinner in the evening. Yesterday I was
up at the Hospital in the morning & in the

I had a good snooze after the lunch & then had Tuesday's pong & went to pay a round of calls. I have arranged about my getting up to Jerusalem tho' I have had no letter at all from D. Cant. He went home about a week ago. I got the passport all right, it came with me on the "Arcadia" & I got it at Hospital on arrival. Thank to Father for sending it tho' he ought not to have put passport on the outside as it is forbidden to send them by post. I was afraid I should have difficulty about getting to Jaffa as the Syrian ports are all in quarantine, however I believe I'm all right, the only difficulty will be coming at a day, but by then after the cold weather it is sure to be all over.

(4) 17 Oct. 1891. L 54/64
middle of the day had to go over to the bath houses (on the Asiatic side)



There was a big farewell lunch to the sister who is going back to England on. A terrible function Champagne & lobster salad in the middle of a blazing hot day & just after bathing. It was beautifully cool tho' under the big balcony of one of the bath house looking out to sea.

I go off tomorrow night (Sunday) & drive up to Jerusalem the next day. I expect there will be a good accumulation of work as I can't will have been away from the Hospital about 3 weeks. I got Dr. Coleman to examine my throat with electric light & as far as he could make out the little place that Dr. Dalton spoke about had quite disappeared & he could not make out much wrong.

I can't believe now I've been home it seems as if I had never left the familiar sights sounds & smells of the East!

The people all say I'm looking much better than when I left tho.

Good old East, despite the heat & the stinks & the mosquitoes, it is so funny to wake up every morning in bright hot sunshine & be able to lol about in your pyjamas & enjoy your tub & breakfast in your vest!! However there is no place like 'ome - Goodbye 'dery, eat plenty of porridge & drink Guinness' stout for dinner, also send this letter home from.

Your loving B. Will

I am very comfortable staying here with Tweedie as he is a very nice fellow. How curious it is that 3 of us all & W.S.C. boys should be together in this way. Yesterday we took the two new sisters at the Hospital out for their first donkey ride along the beach, they had several tumblers but nothing serious.

In the evening we went to a musical evening at the ice works & had some rather good music. Tweedie & Iroise both have 4 oared gigs rowed by arab sailors & look great swells with their red Egyptian flags flying in the stern. It is a very nice way of going about especially in the hot weather.

It is amusing how everyone meets everyone in a place like this. At the Downies (the ice people) last night there were the officers from the guard-ship, one or two men from the banks & shipping agencies.

L 54/65
To A Tweedie Esq.
Port Said
20.1/1891.

My dear Father.

I wrote so fully to Harry a day or two ago I asked him to send on the letter to you that I will not write much now. I am glad to say that I have arranged all right about getting to Jaffa. I have to go back to Alexandria tho' which is a nuisance & expense. I leave tomorrow afternoon at 3.00 by a Russian steamer & get to Alexandria tomorrow morning. I go back again at once (10.00) by Rhedviak's steamer & reach Jaffa sometime the next day. However it is a good deal better than going by fruit boat or by camel.

Mrs Downie's engineer a nice but very rough scotch-
man who looks after the engines, an awful little cad
of an american conone (& storekeeper) etc etc, all talk-
ing black other & quite happy, a thing quite impossible
in England.

The "Luphates" went thro' yesterday & looked very fine
steaming in & out of the harbour, how Harry would enjoy
all the shipping coming to & fro, vessels of sort, des-
cription & size.

I have had a hard m^y. packing, I find I have such
a collection of clothes & books that I don't know
what to do with them all. I leave a couple of boxes
here or at the Hospital.

I am all right off for money, but if I had been at an
hotel I should have run thro' a good deal.

The english mail goes tonight so I will send this
off. I will let you know as soon as I get to
Jerusalem.

The mosquitoes are awful & I'm writing on a chair on
the balcony to try & avoid them.

With love to you all.

Your affec^t son.

Will

Tell Jack I've sent him 250 cigarettes by parcel post

L 54/66

Saturday mid-day

I have just been round to the
Office to get my ticket
I find to my disgust
that I cannot get away
from here for love or
money at present & so
I'm stuck here with Tweedie.
Luckily he is glad to have me
~~he~~ has a very nice house
& is a good chap, so
that is all right -
I may get off from
Alexandria by a
Medieval steamer on
Thursday next from Alex-
-andria if they do not

take passengers I shall
probably go across by
a sailing dory, it is
only 60 miles but I ex-
pect the journey would
be more amusing than
comfortable. I'll write
as soon as I know.
I must send this off.

W

^{mark}
The steamers are not to take
passengers or they will
have quarantine enforced.

L 54/67

M's letter to Susie dated

Rhebeiral Hotel, Alexandria 22/10/91

Arrive Palestine from P. Said in Reef^r Steamer
'Bugs salore'

At Alexandria friendly gunboat

Bkpt & lunch on board - Tea & Club

Then went to Ramley to visit friends

Dr. & G. boat dined with W. at restaurant

Expect to leave Alexandria Friday 23^d
for Jaffa, & Jerusalem -

Letter from W. to Clarke, dated Jerus^m
27th Oct

2

We had a good passage to & landing at Jaffa tho it was very hot. I got all my things thro the custom house without difficulty. We got in about 1.00, it was 3.00 before we had got our things up to Locke's Office & settled things. I & one of the two Oxford men & a lady who was going to Jerusalem to the Bishop's went on after tea to Ramleh & stayed the night there. It is 10 miles from Jaffa & the break of the long drive nicely. There is a nice little German inn there. Blacker & I stopped there on our way down to Jerusalem, & I should have had a very good night if a pack of Jackals & pariah dogs had not been squabbling over a dead donkey & making a hideous stink. We were up before 6.00 & off before 7.00. As to the road as much as we could before it got hot. The road is awfully bad a foot of white dust & stones in many places.

I. 54/69
B. Ophthalmic Hospital
Sunday evening. 24th.

My dearest Mother.

Here I am at last & glad to find myself settled down for another 16 weeks at least.

I sent a line to Annie telling you of getting to Alexandria. The next morning I got off all right by the Hedevalde steamer "Michael" & left Alexandria at 10.00. She was a very small boat & pretty full as no other boats were running. I got a cabin with another Englishman & found everything clean & comfortable. Two very nice fellows from Oxford & Wells Theolog. Coll. came on board also & a lady going to join her husband an engineer in Beirut & so I was well off in the way of some one to talk to.

& tho we had 3 horses it was pretty slow & jolly going. We took our lunch with us & had it up in the Judea mountains at a little fountain under the shade of some big ilex trees.

We got to Jerusalem at about 4.15 & after seeing my friends into their Hotel I walked up to the Hospital, where they were glad to see me as with all this cholera scare they did not know when I might get up.

There is a very rigid cordon round Damascus reaching to about 4 hours N. of Jerusalem &

Anyone coming from within the infected area has to do 10 days quarantine before being allowed to proceed, several parties of tourists have been caught & are now in Durance vile here. after they get out of the country they will still have 7 days more on board their ship. No one knows the extent of the cholera but it is said there are only 25. or 30 deaths a day.

I was glad to get your letter & Harry's here, also a contribution from Onnie & Rosie.

I have written this tonight as a post goes out to-morrow & I may not have time to write then.

With love to you all. Will.

L 54/69

British Ophthalmic
Hospital
Jerusalem
25/10/91.

but hardly any vegetables as there is no rain for a month of the year! The rain has just come now, fancy they have not had any rain at all since I was here in April with Dr Blacker, it is a pity they could not have half our English rain.

All the fruit is over now except the olives, they are just picking them now, but these are not any good to eat & they pickle them for the patients during the winter.

The vines grow trailing all over the ground & up among the olive trees & over the walls just like blackberries at home & I believe they were covered with fruit this year.

Five Bedouin Arabs came to steal them one night & each one filled his big atlas or cloak & was going off when the haf or watchman saw them.

My dear Charlie

This is such a funny wild sort of place I have come to. The house is all irregular built in three parts on different levels on terraces on the side of a very rocky valley. Then in between each part of the house there are court yards where the patients sit & where the animals are shut in at night for fear of robbers. The roofs are all flat & part of the garden is on the roof & going from one part of the house to another one walks over the roof too!

The garden is all built in terraces cut in the side of the hill & has stone walls all about it to keep the earth from slipping down. There are fig, apricot, ~~peach~~ peach, mulberry, olive & vine trees.

The Haj called the two arabs belonging to the Haj & they had a tremendous fight with the thieves with natoots, a kind of very heavy club they carry, the poor haj was nearly torn in pieces but they caught one of the men who had so many grapes he could not escape, he was so battered about tho' that he had to go to hosp^l instead of to prison.

The first night I came here I saw a fox in the garden & they say there are several about, so I may be able to get you some more skins. There are some ravens here, they had a nest in some rocks in the valley just below the hosp^l & the young ones flew away all right. There are a pair of kestrel hawks too that live among the rocks

& they make such a noise chasing Mrs Cant's pigeons they don't kill them tho' they look as if they were going to do so.

There are quite a collection of creatures in the yard at night, two ponies Chestnut & Grey beard, two black donkeys, a gazelle from the mountains of Unsat, a fat tailed sheep & an old pariah dog called Dooty.

They are very good friends & all lie down together. I ride Chestnut & he is very lively indeed springing all over the place & tossing & twisting like an india rubber idiot on the spree. He is quite good tempered tho' & only pleased to get out as he does not get much exercise.

Tell Mother I will write her a letter about the place next mail. The ~~season~~ rains have come & it is quite cool. Your loving Brother Will.

& the ward very much. They have made me 1st Pro. an honour which I don't appreciate as the 2nd & 3rd Pro.s are very new, & consequently most of the bad cases are put on my side, or, if they go on the other, I am expected to help with them. There are such a lot of new Pro.s that I feel quite ancient, and still I know so little. There are only five Senior to me in the Hospital. It is very jolly having Harry so near. I go to dinner with him at Stockwell Park Road once a week. He has two dear little rooms, & I can just get there & back & have a comfortable dinner when I am off 6 to 10.

I wish you would give me some suggestions as to what to do after my year here (it is up on 1st April). I can't make up my mind whether I had better stay on. I believe they offer £12 for the next year with the prospect of being made a Staff at £25 if you are good for anything at the end of that year, but they prefer for their Staff to have had some General Hospital training.

I am not able to advise this, but think this is general training is very necessary.

254/70
Children's Hospital
Great Ormond St
London

Nov. 4th 1891.

My dear Will,

I have not heard anything of you since you left, but I hope you have got into some comfortable quarters & are not being frozen like we are.

The Kempsons say they had 15 degs of frost at Merton in Surrey two or three nights ago, but our passages are pretty well warmed & I think we work too hard to feel very cold. I was awfully sorry not to see you again before you left, but felt rather played out & was glad to get home for my fortnight. I had a very jolly time, & since then have felt more up to the work. Am in the "Alice" again the medical ward in which I began when I first came. There is a different Sister now (a vast improvement on the last) and I like

3 Do you know of any Hospital where I could go as a
Non paying Pro? I feel as though 52 guineas was
quite enough to pay for my training & that I ought to
be soon beginning to earn it back. They say if you
wish to stay on you are supposed to tell the Matron
3 months before the end of your year - if she would
only go away I would stay like a shot, as I should
much like to see the new wing opened, besides I
like the place & the work, & the Doctors & Sisters, but
it is so hurried working under a head who no one
respects & who everyone tries to shirk in every way.

I should have to give up my little bed room &
share with one or two others, besides one or two other
small changes, but I should soon get used to that.

We have been very anxious about Mother's eyes.
They have hurt her a good deal lately, & a little while
ago she went to Dr Cant (Lincoln) who is supposed to be
a very good eye man, he said that she had been trying
them for some time by using wrong glasses, & that there
was some congestion at the back, he gave her some
drops & some medicine & is ordering glasses, she says
they are better already, so I do hope he understands.

I am afraid this is a particularly uninteresting
letter, I don't seem to have anything to say that is
worth writing; please let me have one in return when
you have a little spare time, & tell me all about
yourself & your work. Miss Boucherett is trying to
spend the winter at Willingham, so as to take care of a
new heating arrangement that she has got for her house,
I did not see her when I was home - Love from

Your affectionate Cousin

Ellen P. Lawrence

I have brought back the implements to make a cup of tea
with, & now when it is too dark & cold to go out at 6,
I light my Spirit lamp, make tea & eat some bread & honey
(I brought the honey back with me) & then I go to bed warmed & comforted.

4 Nov 1891

L 54/70

We have been rather excited lately by a most
neat & clever burglary here, by which I lost
all my money (£2.10.0). A "smart young
man" got leave from the Secretary to run a
Telephone wire through here to the Homeopathic
on condition he connected this place with the
Telephone - he was shown all over the building
by the Clerk of the Works - took measures etc.
went down to front hall & remembered he had
forgotten one measure - ran upstairs by
himself, chaffed with several of the nurses
got hold of the Domestic maid & made her
show him which rooms the night nurses
were in "as he didn't want to disturb them"
& then he calmly went to work & sacked
all the rooms along my passage, &
walked away through the new building with
about £4 in gold & 2 gold watches &
chains besides other jewelry - I came in
one afternoon & found my desk broken open
come gone & things generally clucked
about, told Matron at once & the
Secretary sent for Detectives etc.
but we shall never see our things
again - And now today we hear
that the plucky fellow has played
the same trick at Charing X. Hospital

We have been troubled about Frank lately, as Jenny wrote to say he was ill - "that" did not quite know what, but thought it very like typhoid; then a week after she wrote that he was better & the small Arthur had also been laid but was better - that was about three weeks ago & they have not heard since, I suppose it means that he is getting on all right - but they seem horribly far away -

Harry has Chambers in Barnard's Inn/Hoff now - I went to dinner with him in his rooms last week, he cooked the dinner while I sat in arm chair & looked on - and very good it was too, his final exam is in April, & I'm afraid he does not think he will get through, he does not seem as though he can read steadily, now he has a lot of work at the office in the day, & goes back fagged at night -

It was very funny to see Mrs. Reason's account of the brothers

& sisters, so very true still, especially Miss Helen always happy & sucking her thumb!

Father & mother seem to have kept very well through the winter, have had hardly any snow yet, but very cold the last few days - so it may be coming now.

Sorry to see in today's paper the death of Sir Russell Maackenzie, you know they went out to Tenerife with us, & he was such a dear kind old fellow.

Wasn't it too sad about poor Prince Albert - all the papers speaking of wedding presents being raised for him, & then having to announce his death -

Must stop, you will never get to the end of this long scribble -

Much love from your affected Cousin
Ella Laurence

I'm very glad your Rosie has the chance of footing abroad with Miss Lashly; I saw her when she was in town & we had tea in Harry's room at King's College.

weather you describe, it is as you
 say out a contrast to the East
 where everything is parched up for
 want of rain. Here the weather
 is quite delightful just at present
 hot cheer days & cool almost
 cold nights & early mornings.
 Of course to counterbalance that
 there clouds of flies & clouds of
 dust everywhere & hardly a
 blade of anything green except
 the fig trees & olives & they are
 getting dusty & dried up. The
 olive trees look very nice now
 covered with dark green & purple
 fruit which is just being picked.
 The men put up long ladders
 & climb up into the trees &
 whole lot together throwing the
 fruit on to the ground where the
 women & girls sort it & put
 it into longshaped donkey-baskets.



L. 54/71
 British Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem,
 BELONGING TO
 The Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John
 of Jerusalem in England.

PATRON,
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,
 (Grand Prior of the Order.)

Resident Medical Officer and Superintendent of the Hospital.
 W. E. CANT, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., &c.

Jerusalem,

Sunday, afternoon
 8/11/91.

My dear Father.

Thanks for your P.C. of 26/10/91.
 I got it yesterday m.g. but no other
 letters. I don't quite understand
 the mails yet & at present they
 are very irregular on account
 of quarantine. I am so sorry
 you did not get my letter from
 Brindisi, it had a great deal in
 it of interest & was a long one. I
 also wrote two or three other letters
 at the same time & hope they have
 not gone astray also. What a terrible

The Bethlehem women especially wear ones very richly coloured picturesque clothes of blue cotton which they embroider in stripes of red & yellow. On their heads they have a high ~~a~~ kind of helmet covered with silver coins & with a white veil on the top of it. Many of them are really handsome women & look very fine & had to go to Bethlehem this morn. & it was market day & a great many Bedouins come in for miles round & from the mountains of Moab to sell sheep, corn, charcoal & wood. They are all

armed with long guns & old fashioned pistols & have on sheep or goat skin coats with rough brown cloaks on the top. They are grand looking men, some of them & as you may imagine the market square & small streets & bazaars near look very lively & colored. I think they must be very like our border-folk of 500 years ago. It is curious to see the boys with their brown arms & legs with only a little tunic to their knees, a shaggy sheepskin coat, high sandals & big hattan, just like the pictures of David!

There is not a man about the place
 hardly & nearly everyone is doing
 some kind of mission work or
 other & so of course are very good.
 Besides myself there are only 3
 women in the house, Mrs. Cant
 who of course looks after everything
 a cousin of hers who is supposed
 to be the nurse but does not
 like it & is going away & a
 nice old lady who is just staying
 as a friend. Luckily I have lots
 of work & am filling up spare time
 with arabic lessons from a very
 amusing sort of Syrian man &
 so I don't have much time to
 think about my surroundings.
 I generally ride for an hour or two
 every day & have a most ripping
 chestnut arab pony. He does not
 get nearly enough exercise tho' I



(3pp) I 54/72
 British Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem,
 BELONGING TO
 The Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John
 of Jerusalem in England.

PATRON:
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,
 (Grand Prior of the Order.)

Resident Medical Officer and Superintendent of the Hospital.
 W. E. CANT, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., &c.

Jerusalem,

10/11/91

My Dear Jack.

I expect you are with Colonel
 Lindoay now & hope having a
 good time. If you get this while
 you are with the Moorsome give
 them by love. This is a queer
 wild sort of place & everything
 is very rough after Egypt. Ser-
 vants are very hard to get &
 people who want to do things
 decently have to do most of the
 work of their houses themselves.
 It is too of course deadly dull as
 far as any amusement is concerned

is rather hard to hold. Just now there are no crops anywhere & one can go ~~anywhere~~ all over the hills which are very wild & deserted quite close to Jerusalem. I put up a very fine covey of redlegged partridge not far off the other day & must have a try after ^{them} soon there is very good redlegged & desert partridge ^{shooting} not far from here but it requires a day for it & I can't spare the time - also powder is vile here, turkish stuff which makes a vile smell & smoke & won't kill anything over 20 yards away. There are plenty of wild boar, hyaena, jackal & a few wolves & bears within a day ^{or two} of here in the mountains & I should like sometime to organize a proper shoot in the country, as I'm sure capital sport could be had. The Turks are such brutes tho' that it makes anything of the kind very difficult & expensive.

I except just about now you will be hearing about your exam. I hope with any very heart you may have good news. I know you will be awfully down in the dumps if things go wrong & indeed I don't wonder after all the long time you have been working for it. However if the worst ~~does~~ come to the worst & you have to turn your hand to some thing else you must try & not worry over it too much & think life is not worth having. I do most decidedly believe that it does not very much matter what one does in life as long as one does one's best at it. Whatever it is we shall find plenty of bothers & difficulties to getting ^{over} & plenty of people to give a helping hand to in their troubles & the way we do all the little things makes the ^{best} part of our lives after all.

2

10 Nov. 1891

L. 54/72

Goodness knows I ought not to
preach, for I have made precious
poor use of my time & am often
discontented & disgusted enough
about my work, for here I am
after nearly 3 years wandering about
just about the same or rather worse
than when I started! However if I
had really done by best at all
the little things I have had to do, I
believe I should have done just
as much as if I had settled down
into a big London practice & was
making a ~~good~~ ^{good} a year at it.
I'm afraid we ~~were~~ ^{are} all rather spoiled
at home & when one comes out into
the world & see how people work &
toil it makes one a good deal ashamed.
-ed.

I shall of course hear from home how
you get on, but don't forget to
write to me if there is anything
I can help to you to think about
or settle about, that you don't
want to worry them with at home.

I often wish I could be back near you all as one is so utterly useless when one is far away.

There is a dead horse in the valley not far below the stop & the pariah dogs are making such a row howling & squabbling round it; with a rock rifle one might have ~~some~~ some good practise, look too very like jackals.

I & hope you got the cigarettes. I only sent 250. as ~~that~~ I thought they would dry, I'll send you some more later if you like them.

Always yours aff^e - B.

Willis

11/11/91.

L. 54/72

I find there is probably a post going out today so ~~as~~ shall send off this short letter. I have not had anything in the way of letters except your P.C. of 26th. Except the photographs turned up from the consulate.

There is fresh bother about Jaffa now as a ship from Jeddah put in there & some pilgrims are said to have landed & then there was a row. So now the mail steamers will be more chary than ever about touching. At Beyrout they say ~~as~~ they are getting short of provisions & trade is nearly paralyzed because the usual ships are not calling.

I can't help feeling a good deal that I am not quite up to this work. I.E. the settling of cases for operation etc. There is no one to get advice from & such awful cases come to the O.P. Dept.

Then one has to anaesthetise the cases oneself & only has the dispenser to keep them under & so one is divided between the opⁿ & the anaesthetic. However I expect it is good for me & the work is interesting enough.

Isn't it curious, an old nurse of the Percy Laurence's, a Mrs. Reardon I think, is living ~~at~~ here & keeping a boarding house for missionaries. She remembers Mother quite well. I have not seen her yet, but am going to do so soon. She had gone to India as a servant to some missionaries & had drifted here.

I'm writing in haste, so I'm going out for a ride with Mrs. Cant who very seldom gets out -
With much love to you all.

Your affec^{ate} son.

Will

2
all but the nearest tops. Such a contrast to a couple of days ago when the mountains of Moat, ^{or 40} 30 miles away, were ~~so~~ clear that they looked within a walk & from the hills near Bethlehem the Dead Sea seemed to be lying at one's feet tho' really over 4000 feet below. Thanks for sending me all the detail of your income which I have put away in my desk with letters from you about the Russian Bonds etc. I am very glad to think that all can go on just in the same way at home & of course too that mother & the girls are so well provided for. When I think of your pay & all the various expenses it is wonderful to me how you can have just by so much. If Jack has to give up thoughts



L 54/73
British Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem,
BELONGING TO
The Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John
of Jerusalem in England.

PATRON
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,
(Grand Prior of the Order.)

Resident Medical Officer and Superintendent of the Hospital.
W. E. CANT, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., &c.

Jerusalem,

12/11/91.

My dear Father.

Your letter began on the Oct. 26th & mother's addition posted later arrived to day. I'm sorry I mentioned yesterday it had not arrived as you may think it has gone wrong. I was glad to hear you were all well at home & that you yourself well feeling better. We seem to have quite got English weather here now, today has been wild & stormy with quite gales of wind & rain coming sweeping up over the hills & hiding in mist

Of the army & more if is considered of Ceylon & tea
planting, I could in April go on very cheaply (with
Cook's tickets) to Ceylon, see the Wilkins & really en-
quire & look into the chances of what is to be done
there, but there is plenty of time for that. 15/11/91.

Mother's letter & the Standard list show me that I
shall not need to go to Ceylon & that Jack will
be more likely to be going out, that way in a
different capacity to tea-planting. I am indeed
thankful for everyone's sake that it is so.
I read that review of Edmund Gosse in Rindyard
Kipling before I left England & thought it very
good & true altogether. Greene Pasha is a man
who looks very young at 20 yards distance but a
very old man if you look close to his face, which
is very & haggard, lined & drawn. J. Davis
knows all about him. 18/11/91.

I have had a long morning's work from
8.00 to 1.30. The visit of these poor old Jews
is awful & the terrible amount of acute
intermittent ophthalmia is most depressing.
Now (3.00) I have had dinner & as post
goes in an hour & I have several letters to
write I must not add more. I hope my
next from home will give a better account of you
your loving son. Will

2

been of some use & that
you will have it all off
your mind, at least for
some time to come.
I'm afraid now you are tho
all right you will think
my last letter rather rot
but you must remember
that after all it is really
only the beginning & that
to do any good in the army
now, unless you have a great
deal of influence & a great
deal of luck, you can't do
much without working.
If you have to be at home
for 4 months waiting for a
commission I should go
on doing some German & if
you can get some good boxing,
fencing & rifle shooting lessons for that



British Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem,

BE LONGING TO

The Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John
of Jerusalem in England.

PATRON

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,
(Grand Prior of the Order.)

Resident Medical Officer and Superintendent of the Hospital.
W. E. CANT, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., &c.

Jerusalem,

Tuesday.
16/11/91.

Hurrah! My dear old chap,
I am glad & awfully
thankful not only for
your sake but for Father
& Mother also.

I nearly had hysterics when
I saw your name down in the
list, I never was nearly so
excited about any of my
exams.

It is ripping to feel that all
the grind & expense has

I have had a very long day as we have been for a picnic to a very old Convent near the Dead Sea called Mar Sa'ata. It has been a great place for hermits since the earliest Christian days as John the Baptist used to preach & near there & another old saint is supposed to have lived in a cave in the rocks with a friendly lion. It now belongs to Greek monks & they all live in holes or caves cut in the solid rock. The monastery is enormously strongly fortified it slopes down a precipice & has very high walls

of partly natural & partly made stone. There are thousands of blue rock pigeons & a very pretty kind of starling with red wings flying about quite tame. No woman has ever been allowed inside & they are so strict that when they have a dinner of snails they carefully pick them over & only eat the male ones. Some of the poor old monks have not been outside the walls for 50 years & a more dirty, wretched looking set of poor old rascals I never saw. I must be off to bed so I'm very tired & have to be up at 6.30, breakfast & y.a. & work begins at 7.30.
With much love. Your affec B. Will

Dr. Cant of Lincoln is no relation (2)
 on what it depends. You ought
 to have heard from me from Jeru-
 salem by the 3rd of Nov^r. It is
 very annoying if letters have
 gone wrong as I have written reg-
 ularly. I often see Mr. Moncreiff
 tho he is very busy having a
 big law suit on as well as his
 work among the Jews. He has
 started a soup-kitchen at Jaffa
 for Jews (the question of food is
 difficult as they won't touch food
 prepared by Christians) & he is just
 off to Jaffa again for a few days
 to see how it is working. You might
 tell young Moncreiff that he
 seems very well & lively & not
 to be much distressed at having
 to fight the German money-lender
 who has swallowed up some poor
 widow's property.



I 54/75
 British Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem,
 BELONGING TO
 The Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John
 of Jerusalem in England.

PATRON
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,
 (Grand Prior of the Order.)

Resident Medical Officer and Superintendent of the Hospital.
 W. E. CANT, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., &c.

Jerusalem,

Sunday

22/11/97.

My dear Father.

I got this m^o. your letter en-
 closing Charlie & a note about
 Jack from Uncle Charlie who evi-
 dently is pleased to have him
 & thinks he is just enjoying
 himself as well he may.
 This week is what is called the
 "divided mail". Post is delivered
 here on Saturday or Sunday &
 the rest on Tuesday. Next week
 all the letters are delivered on
 Saturday. I don't quite know

We were disappointed at not getting (24/11/91.) our mail today. Nothing arrived so that the steamer was delayed or it was too stormy to land at Jaffa & letters have been carried on to Beyrout.

Despite its being so cold here now the crocuses & various small lilies are all springing up & flowering. I dug up a lot of crocus' bulbs today & put them in pots to grow in the house, it is wonderful how things have sprung up after the rain.

I should like you to send me a couple of I'mas children's books for a boy & a girl about 10 years old. They are for the children at American house, where the people all live in common having "sold all that they had & given to the poor". It is rather hard on the children who are not consulted in the matter

& must grow up to find themselves penniless. Mother will buy the books & pay for them out of my money. I want a pair of warm gloves & I think a pair could be sent by ordinary post. I think soft leather lined with some downy material are the best. It is no good sending my parcel post here everything is detained at Jaffa & there is always delay in getting it up. I do not know my size but there are gloves of mine in the box up stairs. We have had some very stormy weather but now it is fine again tho' cold. I am sending a letter to Aunt Maria but will send this as well in case one letter goes wrong. I have no news but hope to write more next week. Thank Charlie very much for his & tell him I won't forget the Konstach whip. Your loving son. Will

(2)
Coman my pony has been plunging
all this last week and he is
very indignant about it as he
naturally thinks he is far too great
a swell to plough. We have
sown the barley & grass seed already
& directly the rain comes it will
spring up & is ripe by April or
May. When we went for a picnic
to Mar Saba the other day we
caught such a jolly bird like a
big starling with red or yellow
wings. There are lots of them
half tame in the monastery &
now this one has got very tame
& will eat raisins from our hand.
It whistles beautifully. We are going
to give the starling to an English
boy, the son of the Convent, who was
at school in England but has been
very ill & has had to come back here
to his home. Mrs Cant has had
two very jolly little doves given to
her & they have made great friends
with the starling.

Poor
Sunie, what
a times she
will have of it!

L 54/76
Eye Hospital
Jerusalem
29/11/91

My dear Charlie.

Thank you very much for
your long letter telling me all
about what you had been doing.
I was glad to hear all the animals
were flourishing & that your collections
were getting on well. We have
a lot of beasts here but I don't
think they have been doing
anything remarkable lately. The
gazelle is very pugnacious &
when one is walking in the garden
& not looking out for him he
comes behind & gives one a poke
in the back with his horns which
are awfully sharp. He is great
fun with the big fat woolly lamb.
Sometimes he gets his horns stuck
in the wool of the lamb's side &
then they have a great tussle.

3

Yesterday a lot of us went for a picnic to a place a long way off in a wild part of the hills which is said to be the cave of Adullam where David lived so long & where he met Saul & only cut off part of his coat & did not hurt him. We started at 9 o'clock some on donkeys but most of the people on horses & we expected to get to the cave by 12 o'clock. We had the dragoman from the Consulate & one of the "cavasses" who was a great swell on a very fine horse & with a long curved sword, pistols, saddle bags, etc etc. However despite our guides we managed to lose our way among a very bad part of the hills where there was nothing but a goat path among the rocks to follow. Poor Osman got one of his hind feet stuck between two stones & tore his skin rather, & when I was having a look to see he was all right

he managed to tread on one of my feet but luckily only hurt me a very little. At last we found a Bedouin goat herder, & he showed us the way back to the cave. It was such an awful way that we had all to lead our horses & donkeys. Sometimes it looked as if they must go over the cliff, & sometimes they had to jump up & over great boulders of slippery rock over which one would never have thought of taking a horse in England.

There is a spring near the cave, & a very nice flat place for lunch which we were all very glad of. The cave is in such a wild steep glen that David & his men must have felt very safe there. It is such a long winding cave that it is necessary to take a ball of string & tie ^{one end} it outside, & then everyone holds the string & has something to find their way back by. I did not explore very far

especially as their dirty old clo' are full of live stock of all kinds.

It is no wonder these poor people are dirty as during the summer they often have to go miles for water to drink. How often would you have a tub if you had to carry all the water in a nasty goat skin, heavy & smelly, several miles with bare feet over a rocky path worse than the pebble ridge at Westward Ho! I expect you would soon be dirty, I'm sure I should.

We have two little boys each 7 years old in the Hospital now called Mousa & Jousef (Moses & Joseph) they are both nearly blind & go about leading each other by the hand so that they look very funny.

I must go off to bed now, this is not a very good letter, but I have such a heap of letters to write with love to Alice & everybody.

Your loving brother
Will



29 Nov. 1791

but started off with one other man & a couple of servants to ride back to Bethlehem, & get tea ready for all the people there. We invaded a girls school kept by some English ladies, & got them to boil a lot of water for us as we had all the rest of the things & so we had boiling hot tea & cake ready for them all in the girls big schoolroom when they got in very late & tired & cold. During the days the sun is very hot especially down in the valleys & then as soon as it sets, it is dreadfully cold so one always has to have a cloak to put on at night. The Arabs all wear in the winter a ~~so~~ sheep skin coat with the long shaggy hairy wool inside & the rough leather outside. They say that they pound the corn to make their bread in the hollow of the back of their sheepskin coat, it certainly looks thick & rough enough for anything, but it is not a very nice idea.

till his return - Of course if I think
I'm at all short, I shall get
money on account from Mr. Carr,
so that in either case I shall not
be in difficulties. With these
quarantine troubles one cannot
tell where one may be stranded.
With love to you all.

Your affec^t son.

Will

9 Nov 91

L. 54/77

B. O. Hospital
Jerusalem.

9/12/91.

My dear Father

I'm glad to day has brought
yours + Mother's letters of the 25th of
November. It is rather a long while
but then we get a mail again
on Saturday next if weather &
Turkish officials see fit.

I'm glad you got all my various
letters despite their irregularity.
I suppose you never got that long
letter from Brindisi which failed
to arrive?

I am glad too surprised to hear
that Mrs. Stone is better, & also
that Dorey is getting on pretty well,
it is an anxious & hard time for her.
Glad also that Jack is back & well, I
think to get some good riding school
lessons would certainly be good, if he
could not get to Aldershot he could
get practice in jumping etc. from the man in London.

to Julia by this mail & I fancy told
her most of what we have done lately
tho as the weather has not been very
grand & as I have not been very
grand also, it has not been much.
I have apparently had a slight
touch of what they call Syrian Fever
here, but my temp^e has been only
very slightly raised. Everyone takes
large doses of quinine for it so I
suppose it is malarious. It is very
common on the plains but it is
curious here so high up on the hills.
There is so much building houses &
turning up of ground about Jerusalem
at present that I expect that increases
it.

I'm going up to help this afternoon a
Dr Sandreezky, the only English speaking
doctor at present here besides myself.
He has a private children's Hospital &
has some operation on. He has been
here very many years & I think is
a German Pole by birth. He has a
large family & a lot of work but is a very
nice kind man.

I am very sorry to hear you still have
trouble with your truss. I think
if you could get elastic pressure
not of a firm, unyielding substance
it might be a good thing.

Thanks for getting the photos done, it
is well to leave the Italian ones
as I may bring some more from
the East.

I will not add more now as I'm
writing a lot. I shall probably
leave here about the end of this
month if quarantine is still on.

After that go back - Cairo & Genoa.
Tell Isabel I have not forgotten
the 6th of December. Is she going
to send the ~~little~~ little pictures?

By the bye, if you get this letter
in time (i.e. before December 20th)
to send me a cheque to reach me
here. Will you send me one for
the £10 which Mother has of mine,
because D. Cant is away & I may
not have a settlement of affairs

However I'm glad to hear they are better now, you will have to take care of them during the spring months. It is grand about Jack, when I saw his name in the list, I too could hardly believe it & nearly jumped out of my skin with joy. Our servants here would make you smile, 2 Syrian girls in doors & an arab & a boy for the horses & garden. The girls are called Selmah & Bebanah & are such nice creatures. They go about with bare legs, short loose flowered cotton skirts & bodice & a sort of mantilla & wear wooden clogs about the stones. Selmah was educated at an English school for a teacher & is very well read & clever. The real Syrian people especially those from the Lebanon are very nice & look very like English people except their big black eyes.

L. 54/78 B. O. Hospital
Jerusalem.
15/12/91.

My dearest Essie

Thanks very much for your letter of Dec. 2nd. I got it on the 12th & it came quickly for a wonder. As a whole the mails are most erratic. They are worse of course going out of the country as then all the letters have to be disinfected somewhere. It is very great nonsense as not even a case of suspected cholera has occurred in this part of Palestine. There has been a great deal in Damascus & now a few cases occur in the villages around which probably means there will be a fresh outbreak nearer Jerusalem when the hot weather begins again.

You poor old thing - I've often thought of what awful nights you would have. It is hideous to see children etc coughing & choking & sickening with whooping cough.

3

I have not been very well lately. - Everyone in the house had colds & I caught it & then seemed to get a little fever of the country on the top. - Then as the cold went down my chest a bit the two things combined pulled me down a bit. - So I've taken a few days in bed & been coddled by the three ladies of the house, all of whom had been nursed for many years. Owing to steamer & quarantine difficulties I should have to start a good deal earlier than I expected back to Egypt, so I shall go to Jaffa in a day or two where it is warmer & then take the first convenient steamer to Egypt. I have written to Sir Colin Moncrieff & if he can & take me in I shall stay with him. I shall of course find a lot of friends in Cairo & shall not be sorry to turn my back on the "Holy City" which in the winter time is no place for a Christian

man to stay in. The storms are terrible tho' there is lots of nice bright sunny weather between & things look like Spring already. I'm only sending a P.C. home so will you please send this letter on. I expect you will be going home for a day or two after Xmas & probably Jack's "Kids party" will come off then, which will be jolly. Very likely by the time you get this I shall be well on my way to Cairo. - Where I shall spend Xmas I don't know!

Well I must say goodbye. as I have written a lot of letters & not in a very comfortable position so excuse scrawl

Lots of love to you all from
Your loving brother
Will

Tell Charlie I have some good stories about all the Jerusalem people to tell him when we meet.

fast & several other things seemed
wrong. I took my temp² & found it
raised, muddled on for a few days
& only got worse. Then I went to see
a Dr. Sandreczyk, an English speaking
German doctor & he packed me off
to bed. I don't think he found any-
thing very definite but talked of
Pulmonary catarrh & country fever
combined. At any rate I had a
good deal of bronchitis which especially
touched up the old right side. What
makes me think it was not only the
chest was that I felt so very ill &
was so rapidly pulled down. I never
ran down in the same way with a
weeks illness before. So I think there
must have been the Syrian Fever as
well. Mrs. Cant nursed me & did
everything like a brick, no one could
possibly have been more utterly
kind & nice than she was in every way.

If Mr. Maclean ⁽³⁷⁷⁾ The Quarantine Station
is at home & you think she would
like to see this, let her ^{23/12/91.}
read it. I meant to have
written to them for Imas
my dearest mother.

I'm afraid my P.L. & letter to
Susie will have made you a little
anxious about me. I hope before
you get this you will have heard
from Mr. R. Moncrieff who will
have given you a better account
of me. It is not a very cheerful
address for Imas & ones birthday
but I am all right & as you will
see further on not badly off.
I was very well at Jerusalem until
someone started heavy colds & I
caught it last & had a bad cold
but did not think much of it &
it got better. Then I was not quite
satisfied about myself. I found
I got puffed when I walked at all.

3
Of course it was awfully disappointing in every way, to have to give up the work I had ~~now~~ again to do, just as I was getting into the way of it, to be ill & a trouble in that busy household & again to be ill just after having had such good reports from Cornow in London! As soon as I was a little better Dr. Sandrecky said I must go off at once & get to Jaffa where it is much warmer to wait for the 1st steamer going to Alexandria. I wired & got a special carriage up from Cork at Jaffa (horribly expensive) Mrs Cant very kindly came down to Jaffa with me & as it was a fine day we went all the way (40 miles) in one day. The next day I was none the worse for the journey & then I found I had the choice of two steamers to go by. There had been a tremendous

& both these boats were late. One was the regular mail steamer going on to Beyrout & Tripolis & so taking 5 days to Alexandria, the other was a horrid little steamer carrying fruit from Jaffa, but she was English was going straight to Alexandria & so would only take about 36 hours. I took the little boat tho she had ~~no~~ no passenger accommodation to speak of & was awfully small & dirty. There were two English ladies going in her from Jaffa so that made it rather better. To our horror when we got on board the Captain, a gruff tho kindly old Scotchman refused to take us but at last we prevailed on him to do so. We had a good passage but were in the tail of the storm so had ~~some~~ hours of pretty bad discomfort.

26

The building consists essentially of a long ^{narrow} pavilion running around $\frac{2}{3}$ of a circle & consisting of little segments made of 3 or 4 large rooms each. Each room has 3 beds and a little plain furniture. So a segment might hold 15 or 18 people. In front & behind each segment is a court yard surrounded by a high palisade in which the animals can take their exercise. There are two rows of palisades & in between is neutral ground. Your friend can come to the outer side & talk to you thro' the bars. Our food comes across in a huge wooden tray dragged by a rattling chain! We are well fed quite like a good hotel, tho' they have a tendency to arrive cold. We are supposed to "do" 8 days here from Jaffa, but I am out off

27

We got to Alex^{andria} at 2.45 on Monday aftⁿ the 21st. The quarantine boat came on board, but they would not take us off that day as they said it was too late! So we had to spend another night on board the "Egluth" among the rats & oranges. We got off next day about 4.15 in pelted warm rain. We had about an hour's waiting row across the harbour & then went for a 2. or 3 miles in filthy & windowless 3rd class carriage (special quarantine train) to this place. We are about a couple of miles out of Alexandria, near the sea on the west of the harbour near the Ras el-tien Baracks. This is a very large quarantine staⁿ something like a prison & has different parts for 1st, 2nd & 3rd class passengers.

for the journey so ^{2c} we shall be let out on the 28th.
I shall probably stay a day or two here afterwards
& go out to Ramleh to see the Moss' & other friends
before going to Cairo. I have written to the Ironcliff
but I see they have a ball & a big at home at the
New Year so they will not be able to have me to
stay & I should feel much on for festivities. I
shall most likely stay at Shepherds' till I go up
the Nile on the 12th. I wish Graham was in Cairo
but I'm afraid he will not be up from Bonaskin.
My friends here the Miss Newtons go straight on
to Cairo. They are two sisters one a young girl about
20 & one older about 40. They are wealthy Derbyshire
people & are related to Swells but I don't know

who they are. The elder Miss N. has lived in Palestine
for many years. They are now on their way to
Cyprus to found a Hospital there. We have
taken one of our 3 bedded rooms & made it
into a sitting & feeding room. The beds we have
rugged up as divans, we have got some arm chairs
& with our rugs, books, photos etc are doing pretty
well. Above all we have got a charcoal stove
but for it is cold damp & stormy here now. I have
got a spirit lamp & Kettle kindly given me by
Mrs. Cant & so we can make tea when we like.
The Doctor from the Lyntonboat has sent me up a
bottle of good port wine & some tinned things &
we are going to have a Jmas plum pudding!!

just before the mail arrived & so they
will all have to be forwarded on
to me to Cairo. Mrs Cant will have
see to that. I borrowed £20 from
here as of course all this business
is very expensive. As my work at
the Eye Hospital was such a failure
I shall not ask for any pay but
only travelling expenses & they
will be pretty heavy. If Father
did not send that cheque to
Jerusalem will he please send me
one for £15 to Mrs Cant, Cairo.
If he sent the £10 to Palestine
that will be plenty & after
the 12th I shall have very few
expenses & may make a little.
It is my birthday! & we have just
had an excellent cake in honor
of it.

Thank Sarah for her letter & tell
I arranged about the sketches with
Mrs Cant.

XX

We have lots of books & books people
get me everything I want so we
are all right. What is very
wretched is I got a frightful attack
of psoriasis at Jerusalem & it is
now very bad all over. Hands
are ghastly - I never want to
hear the word Jerusalem again!
What an unlucky wretch I am &
yet very fortunate, I always seem
to fall into good hands when
I'm seedy & besides I have got
over all this very well. I am
none the worse for the long drive
& the long horrid journey which
is really almost wonderful & now
I think I shall pick up & soon
be all right again. I never seem
to be able to start a winter from
in Egypt always some drawback
at the outset.
It is a bore about letters, I left

xx
Poor Frazers, I had heard about that sad affair.
I should think the riding lesson course a very good
thing for Jack. Glad Rosie was going for a good
concert. Thanks to Charlie for the plum pudding if
we can't get anything else for dinner on Xmas day we
shall have to put that on the table. Tell Father I
have got a photo. of the British Eye hospital which
I will send home if I have a chance. I had a
very "buttery" note from Mr. Rasterbrook thanking me
for my services to the Hosp^l, poor man!
How awfully sad about Major Hinchliff, father
& son & both in the same horrible manner.
Will you tell Julia in writing to Mr. Mackenzie
I wrote her a long letter to Exeter, I'm sorry she is
not out.

You will be interested to have seen Gore Graham's
letter. I should have liked to have gone to Soudan
but a night in the rainy ghaz would not suit
me now I'm afraid. I'm rather thinking of selling
my guns & giving up shooting, if I should get a
good offer during the Cairo season. Tell Jack
I'll ask Graham about rifles. Don't let him buy
anything in a hurry. I must close this up now
I don't know when you'll get it but I will write
again soon. Don't worry about my letter as when you
get it I shall just be starting up the Nile & I hope
quite strong again.

Best of love to you all. Your loving son. Will
Ask Father to write B. M. G. & Angela from Palestine to
C/o Cook & Son - Cairo

Hotel Khedivial - Alex.^e 28/12/91

Here I am out of prison again & have just been seeing the Miss Newtons off to Cairo. I'm going to stay here a day or two & see the people out at Ramleh. Tonight I have asked the doctor of the Sandrail to dine with me as he is an old friend at Port Said & had been very kind sending us things to the quarantine.

I feel rather lost now, it has been such a rush & such a sudden change of plans, but I shall be glad to get up to Cairo & be among old friends again.

The expenses of the quarantine were about £1 a day which was a good deal. The feeding was excellent, but the rooms large, draughty & damp. If they had been crowded it would have been horrid. As it was we took one room for a sitting room turned the beds into a corner, had rugs, arm chairs, books, photos & charcoal stoves arranged & camped pretty comfortably -

The Quarantine Station
Alexandria ^{7 54/80}
26/12/91.

My dear Father,

In enclosing a cutting of a review of a book about the Navy if you think it is a good book & not very expensive would you get it for me as at Christmas present for Harry, Mother has some money of mine - Please ask Rosie to let me know if she ever heard from Annie Tyffe about the little Port Said children who went to school at Clifton & about whom I wrote to Annie Tyffe. I asked Rosie before. I hope you will have got my long letter to Mother all right. We were very fortunate in taking the steamer we did. As the day after our arrival a storm began which has continued till today it has been awful weather since we have been here. Gales of wind, rain & hail have been the order of the day but now (24th) it is fine & bright.

I got over the quarantine time very well & perhaps the complete enforced rest was not a bad thing. I read "Dondennis" & several other books, wrote an awful lot of letters & did a little arabic grammar. On Xmas Day we had quite a "proper" dinner as the "Landrail" sent me champagne & port & Miss N's friends sent mince pies, plum pudding & a little mistletoe. We boiled our plum pudding in a big tin over the charcoal stove in our "salon" & sacrificed brandy over it in correct style.

I see there is a new book of Miss Amelia B. Edwards our called "Pharaohs, Fellahs & Explorers". It would probably be interesting, if it is cheap you might get it, read it & then send it on to me.

I don't think I have any news at all, but there is

a direct mail tomorrow so I will send this. I have a suspicion you will get several letters together which perhaps will be a good thing. I hear the Nile steamers are awfully crowded which is a bore.

I shall enjoy the fortnight in Cairo seeing all our friends & shall take things very easily & get fit before going up the river.

I have not had any letters for ages of course & am wanting them badly.

With love to you all,

Your affecⁿ son,

Will.

L 54/81
Shepherds
2/1/1892

Dearest Mother

Today I got yours & Father's combined letter of Dec. 23rd & I have had forwarded from Jerusalem a letter & cards from Charlie of the 6th & letters from Zabel, Rosie & Alice of the 15th. Father's letter with the cheque will of course be forwarded here by next mail. Letters must be all jiggled & jiggle still. Of course as the mail from Palestine are quite erratic still.

I was so sorry to hear that Father had been bad again, as you say. I expect the confinement is very bad. I wish he could get the truss finally & successfully fixed up.

I went out to Ramleh while at Alexandria & had lunch at The

And I'll tell him about a lot of things. Rogers & Pickles have left the S. Army & taken over the head of the Sanitary Department on £1,800 a year vice George Baker resigning. He will make a very good chief & Sanitary work will now go ahead in the country & perhaps there may be some new appointments going.

Honoured in travelling with Dr. Kenneth Scott (the dentist) & spending the evening with the Monmouths. I wrote the long letter of the dinner here. Yesterday was a small affair with no band but we were on 1st of the house over dinner (New Year's Night) & good many friends. I wanted to see how you & the river which is a bore & often repeated are not out.

I am decidedly better & shall keep as quiet as it is possible. I have written such a heap of letters lately that they seem to take up all my time. Now I should enjoy some skating. Best love & New Year's greetings & wishes to you all. Alice

little Inira Inare Hotel where I stayed with you days & where little Julian T. was taken ill. I went on to the Moss' the Hamiltons cousins & they were all very flourishing. The eldest girl married a ~~very~~ wealthy man at Alexandria this year & they are building a beautiful house quite close to the Moss'.

I came up here on Wednesday morn. & found Sheppard's converted into an enormous place, rather highly colored & Yankee in appearance, but with electric light & plenty of good fires both of which were a great improvement. I called on the Moss' - cruffs in the aftⁿ, they were very busy with New Year's festivities a big musical evening & a ball the day after. Lonie Sturge M. is out for his Xmas holidays & one of the Albrights, also other cousins so their house is full but I can go there

next week if I like. I was glad to see Lonie & will make some mild excursions together I hope.

Then I found Father Hornby & we have both called & missed, I'm going there to tea this aftⁿ. I'm lunching with D^r & Mrs Sandwith (when he will over-haul me) & I have promised to dine tonight to night with the Johnsons (the desert police friends) who are now stationed in Cairo. I am to meet W. P. F. Graham's brother. He has just got engaged to a Miss Findlay an Irish girl, a cousin of the Johnsons who I know pretty well. I'm told they tumbled in love at once & were engaged after a month, it is rather hard compared to poor 'Percy'. She is a nice girl very bright & lively & been thro several seasons at Chilternham & is quite an fait. I have not heard yet what when G. Graham gets up from Orakin, I hope soon as I

I fancy he must be rather inclined to neglect his family by running after all sorts of good works, preaching etc. Thanks for sending some things to the Hills. I have a letter half written to Hugh which I shall finish on the river.

I am so sorry to hear of George M. I don't know what he can have done as beyond ordinary country pursuits. I did not know he had any special taste. It must come very hard on poor Mrs. Breare as G. used to be such a favorite & I don't think Hugh did much abroad. If you have a chance of telling her how sorry I am you might do so.

I leave tomorrow morn. at 10. a.e. as usual. What is rather a nuisance is that my boxes from Port Said have not turned up & there are a great many things I should like to have in them. I have just wired about them but it is too late to expect them.

I may add to this letter but am not sure. I'm just putting my things together & then I'll write to Graham. Your lov. son
John Will

L 54/82/
Shepherd's Hotel
Cairo
Sunday night
10/11/92

My dearest Mother.

I must send you off a line before I leave the day after tomorrow. I had had lately so many letters of odd dates that I don't know which to thank for first. I got yours & Father's of the 31st & the newspaper cutting re. snow at Jerusalem the other day & the same day some from Jerusalem giving me an acc^t. of the weather & enclosing letters from home of the 9th 13th & 14th Dec^r. The water colors arrived & a book from India but not the gloves. The books for the Americans were delivered & much liked. Mrs. Cant had to cut her way thro' the snow drifted against the shop door on her way to church & was m.f. I have not been doing much since I last wrote home. The weather has been most perfect even for Cairo

& I have toddled about during the day & tried to be in before sunset. Afterwards I do not mind & have been out to dinner a good deal. It is rather hard to have had this fortnight here just in the middle of the snipe shooting & not to be able to take advantage of it but I have found a quiet walk round "Grosvenor" (Hyde Park) is quite enough for me. I have been on board the steamer several times, have had a slab put up for a writing table in my cabin & got a few things or as to make myself as comfortable as possible in it. I was so sorry you saw that paper about the snow in Jerusalem & did not know if I was there or not. I was sorry enough to have to let you know I was sick at all, it was wretched to have to add an anxiety about me to all the you had to think about already.

The two letters I send in Julia's by last mail will tell you more about the kind snobs I had to nurse me than I can describe. Are not the letters awfully nice. It is wonderful what friends I have dropped on where ever I have been. I cannot help feeling that I do not the least deserve such kind letters, just as if it had been I that had done something & not they. In half asleep & can't write sense, it is only thro sheer laziness as I sleep about 9. or 10. hrs every night. (Monday)
I spent Sunday evening as usual with Sir Colin. They still have a house full but Louie starts back this morn. I don't know how long the others stay. Lady Moncreiff is very much better again but she looks delicate. I don't think Sir C. thinks very much of Robert,

Steamer & send him back to Cairo &
try & get him into the nursing home.
It is terribly sad to see an old man
in his state all by himself & so
wrong & foolish to have started on
such a voyage as this. If he had
seen a doctor in Cairo no one would
have let him start. Then there are
a good many of the crew sick & it
is always a nuisance having to go to their
hot stuffy quarters. However I shall
put them all into the Luxor Hospital
if they are ill.

I am sitting opposite to a Lady Pearson
wife of Sir Charles Pearson the Scotch
advocate general & she has her son
Charlie with her. She is very nice
indeed. It is curious the same name
as our friend

There is a young American widow on
board, an heiress, worth "three millions
of dollars". She seems very nice.
Shall I endeavour to make her
your daughter-in-law - ?

I send wishes
to
R. G. G. G.
The Men
Woman is so
good.

L 54/83
P.I. "Rameses the Great"
Kafu Ayat.
N. Cairo
12 / 1 / 92.

My dear Father.

This morn. just as we were starting
I got your letter of Jan. 2. - enclosing
cheque & photograph, both of which I
was glad to have. The photo. is decidedly
statuesque & looks as if you were
groping in the dark but it is very good
& is stuck up on my cabin wall.

I am glad you had got my letter
so as to know I was getting on all right.
It was indeed wonderful how I got on
thru the journey & quarantine time,
but I had a bad cold after getting
to Cairo which I can not quite shake
off. I have not rec'd the other cheque
yet from Palestine but shall soon,
I shall not need to tell I hope -
I was very sorry to hear Mother was
in bed with a headache, but she

will have forgotten it by now. I remember the footman's dress, which I think first saw the light at some small acting we had as children.

I dined with Graham's brother last night at the Club, he seems a nice fellow, the same quiet slow manners as G. G.

but not so intellectual I should think. This boat is very full as you will see by the enclosed list & a good many people look seedy so I may have something to do. I have a fairly good cabin, not very big but extremely compact, plenty of drawers & cupboard & a desk which goes up & down to write at which I'm doing now. It is a little low but otherwise very good. I have stowed all my clothes etc in the drawers & turned out all my baggage so ^{as} to get as much air as possible. There are two windows & a ventilator so I can get lots of fresh air.

14th.

I am rather unlucky again in having a good many sick people on board & one rather anxious case & a sad one too.

An old gentleman of up 3 quite by himself no valet or anyone sent for me soon after leaving Cairo & I saw at once he was very ill. He had diabetes & had got a chill or influenza coming over from Italy, had only been a day or two in Cairo & had not seen a doctor. He was so weak he could not get out of a chair by himself, had a dry cracked tongue, sweet breath & spoke confusedly. I thought he had got probably commencing diabetic poisoning & I have advised him to go back which I could have arranged for him. He would not do so, I have had a great bother with him day & night. Having my passengers on board everyone is so busy that I cannot get a special man for him. However tomorrow at Assiout I hope to ship him on to another

Assiont. Friday. 15th.Late at night
L. 54/83

We got in here at 4.30 to
see all the flays 1/2 mast high & could
make it out only to hear of sad
news of the D. of Clarence's death. Poor
Princess Mary & P.^r of Wales. How
strange are the ways of Providence,
only a little while ago P. George had
typhoid & might have gone, now
he is well & strong & his brother dead.
I have just got yours of the 11th & am
so distressed to hear Mother has
had influenza, however by her
note I hope she was really feeling
better & next mail she will be well.
It would be sure to give her a little
bronchitis but I hope not much.

Thanks for H's photo - very good indeed.
Charlie's letter is ideal, "Punch"
would give £5 for it! I will
write to him soon.

I am thankful to say I have
just finished making the arrangements

for the poor old invalid (11-o'c.P.M.)
I Lane got him safely on board
the other steamer. The doctor of which
board seems a very nice fellow,
I has been most kind about taking
the case over. We took him across
at dinner time so that no one
knew about it. Then had a good deal
of setting & telegraphing to Cairo
to do. In the middle of which I
was sent for in a hurry back here
as the junior Dragoon had "mafiesth
neffes" which means finish breath,
so I thought perhaps he was dead! He
had only fainted from colic.

I must go to bed I shall be glad
of a good night.

My best of love to you all & Thanks
muchly to Mother for her scrap.

Always your affeⁿ son
Willie.

Thanks to Rosie about A. Fyffe.
I don't remember her writing.

looks, imp etc look very bright
at night, During the day it is
not so good. I have a few
friends at the Hotel, but not
like former years. I am dining
tomorrow on a Dahabeyeh
at with the Berkeleys who come
out every year. The electric
light is going out so I will
say "good night" & finish tomorrow.

Thursday evening. 14/1/92. ^{Had a quiet day in Hotel garden}
I have little more to add from yes-
terday. It is now 10:00. I came back
from the Berkeleys at 8:30 pm. I have
been seeing out folk since. I hope
I shall make a few dollars in exchange
for it. I have not seen the Darwins
yet but they asked me to dine at the
Hotel tonight. I called this afternoon.

This is a wretched letter but I have
written 5 others for the post & have too
more to work off.

I had a kind letter from D. Cant last mail
Tell Rosie to write or send me her letters.
Always your loving son
Will

L 52/84
P. J. Ramesses the Great
Luxor.
18/1/92

My own dear Mother.

I'm afraid you have been
having a bad time of it, but I
was glad to get the scrap from you
& to know you were really feeling
better. I can't bear for another week
which is a long time to wait. It
is really terrible how prevalent
influenza is all over the world &
what damage it is doing. I am so
sorry for all the R. Family it is
too bad for them all. The young
Khedive Abbas is quietly settled
in here & at present there is no
disturbance & I much hope things
will go quietly.

That poor old fellow who I told
Father about in my last letter
did quite quietly & suddenly the

Same night before the other boat started. I was called up at 4 A.M. & had to make a good many settlements before the other boat went off at 6.00. Then I had all the legal & funeral arrangements to make before we went off at 12.00 next day. He was to be buried in the Afton Burial Ground at Rossmore where a good many of our soldiers & some people from the American mission are buried & I chose a grave next to a young Englishman. Sad to die quite alone like that away from everyone.

We have some very nice people on board. I am looking after a very nice little Mrs Perrott, newly married to a stepson of Canon Poole of Ryde, also a nice fellow. Their mother, Mrs Lowe is also here. They I think live at Solihull, are great friends of the Chatterbox &

Mrs Lowe (who is dead) was one of Dr Parker's greatest friend. They know Charlie & I a little & Mr Perrott knows all the I. of W. people. Mrs Lady Pearson is very nice indeed & so is her son he is only 17, travelling for 2 months. The Moody's are the "Sankey & Moody" people & I'm looking after Master Moody act. 12.

Mrs Dickey, act 25, is the widow of a Chicago cattle king & she has 3,000,000 dollars, she's rather nice.

Mrs & Mr Pelton are wealthy New Yorkers of the good sort, they are young people and nice. I have plenty to do as I have various invalids on my hand & a good deal of influenza among the crew, but it is better than being idle.

I have a pink shade round my electric light & with all my photo

Smugly nestling in the cushions
I can watch the fair scene
Golden sand, black rocks & blue sky
Round the little islands green.
While the boat oars of the sailors
And the gurgling of the stream
With the moan of the Safiah
Makes a back ground to my dream
Till I seem to sail for ever
To the far & distant land
Where the Nile, the King of rivers
Has its birth mid golden sand
Passing many a rocky rapid
Where the waters churn & boil
And the southward bound pilgrims
Only move with weary toil.
Where the deep blue of the skyline
Meets the burning desert sand
And great scaly armoured monsters
Bask like palm logs on the strand
Past the plain where all the branches
Of the river rolling free
Irresistably rushing
Over the deep & distant sea.

Suzor - 26/1/92.

Kleine Charlie, (2 pp) L 54/85
Trater meus

It is time I went to bed,
but before I seek the downy
There are a few words must be said
First of all my salutations
Both to Alice & to you,
Tho' indeed I hope you're sleeping
Like the "just" are said to do.
That to say you're sweetly snoring
With no nightmare on your chest
Or a little hopping varmint
To disturb your well earned rest.
There is someone who snores awfully
In the cabin next to me
& I bang the thin partition
In a way you'd laugh to see.
In a frightfully noisy cabin
Bang, crash, clatter all the day
Near the door the bells electric
Ring in an astounding way.

Engines, cooking servants, sailors
Bells, boots, bath rooms & tearing gear
Barking dogs & shouting Arabs
Drive me dotty, precious near.
And at dinner every evening
Seventy seven all talking loud
Gibber-jabber, clatter-clatter.
Such a noisy, laughing crowd.
Funchmen, Yankees, English, Germans
High notes, low notes, treble bass!
Then they're just as bad next morning
When right seeing off the race.
"Pardon Monsieur, that's my donkey"
"Say girls! Hurry, you'll be late."
"Mein Gott, som voo, look mine saddle"
"Taisez vous donc! Ah!! Quel bête."
"Take it his one, his good donkey"
"His one call it. Telephone"
"My name Ali, herry good boy"
"Bakohush, E-orr! E-orr-groan -"
Say Mohamed, fix my saddle
Guess it kinder galls his back

Sail Colombia! Ain't he skittish
Oh! Ah! Moses ~~hacks, hacks, hacks~~
Yes I'm glad when it's all over.
Noise & dirt & dust & flies
For I find it spoils my temper
And my patience sadly tries.
Then when all are fairly started
For their tomb & temple day
I start off on my excursion
In my own peculiar way.
First I call a gay filucca
Painted red & blue & green
With a crew of jinning Nubians
Great long yachts I sail lateen
Then the "Reis" the queer old Captain
Takes my gun & books & net
Shows them all about the cushions
Of the stern & in I get -
Soon the sail fills to the north wind
And the old boat spins along
As the boys trim on the thugboat
crooning out an old world song.

Past the vast & virgin forests
By the foot of man unpressed
Where the monsters of creation
Roam in undisturbed rest.
To the dark land to the southward
Toward the centre of the earth
Where the great lake & the mountains
Give the Nile its annual birth.
And I might have gone still further
And perhaps have dreamed still more
But he bumped against a sandbank
And we neared the shallow shore.
But now I must be off to bed
It's long past twelve I know
And ~~tomorrow~~ tomorrow morning early
Donkey riding I must go.
So goodnight Charlie once again
And when you want a shock
Just dream a dream & wake yourself
Boy running on a rock.
like Your loving brother
Will

Oh, fair is the scene from the Valley of Ainnon
 As over Siloam & Ophel I gaze
 And watch the long lines of the Mountains of Moab
 Grow purple & blue in the deepening haze.
 The domes & the towers of the City of David
 Still cluster o'er Zion afar in the light -
 While the Crags of Moriah slope down to the Kedron
 And throw a wild echo to Olivet's height -
 Yes! I know they are fair, every Valley & Mountain
 Each dome of the City, each bird, flower & tree
 Yet my heart - lings in vain for the land of my fathers
 The sound of the North wind, the roar of the Sea.
 I'm tired of the trees & the flowers of the tropics
 The lily, the olive, the palm, & the vine
 I long for the bright-golden Gorse & sweet heather
 For oak, Elm & beech tree, for holly & pine.
 To see the white Cliffs & green downs of the Island
 And feel the fresh breeze of the Solent - again
 To wander away in the glades of the forest -
 Or mid the glad life of a deep Hampshire lane.
 Yes! despite of fair scenes, cloudless skies & bright-
 There is one thing we learn as we wander & roam ^{sunshine}
 To say from our hearts the true lines of our childhood
 "Be it - ever so humble there's no place like home"

I suppose Rosie will have gone
off by now, I expect she will be
glad to get to warmer climes but
I hope she took lots of warm
things & a good ulster. Old
Mr. Grimston is rather a happy
release poor old soul. I don't suppose
for a minute Graham will be
married soon, he can't while he is
in the E.A. & she has no money
so unless he gets some good app^t
I don't suppose he could do so.
Gore Graham writes he is all right
& none the worse for Donakin.
I saw the "Times" notice of Wiseman
& thought it was very good. I am
glad to hear Julia is going to Ad-
-elstone for a while. It would
be a pity to send my copy of
Wiseman here as I hope to be
home in May if all's well.
I may add to this stupid
letter later.

Just got
yours by the
H.P.
Many thanks
I hope you are
better.
Will move
from Asonan
Will
Asonan to Loxon

Jan. 26. 1892.
L. 54/87

My dearest Mother.

At Asonan yesterday we got an
extra mail & I got yours & Father's
written on the 20th of December to
Jerusalem enclosing cheque for £10. written
just after you had got my Xmas
letter. What I wrote to you was writ-
ten when I too was a little melan-
-choly feeling that I was getting
seedy & apprehending I should have
to give up the work. Both yours
& Father's of that date were not
very cheery & I'm glad that I have
had intervening & more lively ones.
Then yours of the 10th with 7's of same
date reached me also Isabel's. I do hope
long before now you will be well
over the bronchitis & picking up &
that none of the rest of the house-
hold have been having influenza.

It really seems to be making awful
havoc in our part of the world.
I hear it is bad still in Cairo
but for the last week I have not
had any fresh cases on board.
The Passengers are ~~just~~ better too
& I have only one or two on my
hands now.

I had rather a nice few days at
Aswan. There are only one or two men
I know at the mess this year in-
cluding Spang the doctor, I called
on them & we had a dance on
board in the evening to which they
came down. We had no paroon as
there was no service on Sunday. I
went with the Pearsons & some other
scotch people to the cataracts islands
as usual & very beautiful it always
is with the water rushing among the
black rocks & golden sand.

On Monday aftⁿ I had a capital
ride in the desert & called on the

who again are living & painting
at Shilal. I can imagine no more
delightful spot for an artistic hermit
to winter in. Major von Weismann
was at Aswan on his way up to
Khalfa, he is said to be very ill.
There is a naturalist too living
at Aswan for a month collecting
all sorts of reptiles. He has to do
with the British Museum & was head
of a big Museum at Calcutta.
I want to put him on to my oxen
& crabs & see if he can hunt them
up & find them out.

I'm glad to hear Whiston is coming
out to E. A. as I believe he is a
very good fellow. They are short
of officers just now.

We get on to Luxor this afterⁿ &
they have a concert there for the
Hospital in the evening. I believe
the Hospital is getting on pretty well
but it is almost entirely in the hands
of the Native doctor.

really very nice people & I should
say perfectly genuine. They have
asked me to stay with them at their
home in America. Mr. Moody is in
the N. of Scotland preaching & was
staying with Lord Aberdeen when they
last heard from him. I am glad
Jack has been with the Haultons. I
like Mrs. H. & they are good friends.
It is awfully cold today, but until
today it has been a perfect voyage.
I started a gum boil round one
of my wretched wisdom teeth that
came thro' decayed so I have been
in my cabin all the morning & I
eaten slops. The other ship with Dr.
Colman on board has just come in
& I'm going over to see if he can
find anything - the poor fellow was
in a good deal of trouble when I
last saw him. Both his Father &
Mother down with influenza & the
pneumonia & both elderly. He him-
self too is not doing well out here
& wants to get back. It is hard
on a clear rising man as he was
10. in Just got all yours of the 21st but no time
to add more as it is so late. I'm so glad

you are
having better
P.L. letters to
gather
Will write
again soon.
your love. Don.
Will

"Rameses the Great"
Assouat
Friday, 29/1/92

Dearest Mother,
I was glad to get Father's
Rosie's & your ink written letters
of the 14th at Luxor. It is not
much good my writing to Rosie
as by the time this gets home she
will I suppose be at Cannes or
Nice. I am sure tho she is sorry
to leave Jack she did right to go. I
hope if they go to Malta they may
stay longer there than expected &
perhaps I may be able to join them
I finish the steamers earlier this year
than before, March 14th & of course
I don't know what may turn up
then but anyhow I should not
get back further than the S. of France
or Malta till the beginning of May.
Miss Alice Jones & her ward are

wintering in Florence, I don't know
where, Mrs. Inayat would. The
Ramble chamberlains, Miss Marguerite
Hall (the artist girl) & her niece
Grand Miss Greenwood, who were
at Luxor last year & the Bannermans
are at Capri if R. should go there.
Sir Sarny Jack is not going to the
ruling school I should think that to
be well and fair on any sort of gee
would be of use to him anyhow.
I should like to know when Lord
R. Buchanan goes back to India
if Isabel could find out for me.
Sgt. Grimston must have a long leave.
I don't wonder that you are full of
the poor prince's death, it is terrible.
When I saw him here two years ago
on his return from India he looked
awfully ill & wretched but he was
still having fever then. The young
Khedive has settled in quite quietly
here but of course it is too soon to
guess what the ultimate effect will
be.

At any rate for the present things
will go on the same & the fact of
Sir E. Baring staying is a great thing.
I am glad to know you are really over
the wind now, you will have to
take care tho' it is everything to
prevent the bronchitis becoming a
chronic. I think next winter you
will take my advice & let me
find you a little villa at Cannes
where father will be able to potter
about in the garden & grow ^{up}
anemones & tulips all the winter tho'
the only thing I am not quite sure
if it would make up for the study
& other arrangements.
Give my love to poor A. & M. Stone.
I suppose they will still live on
at St. John.
I am altogether very much better.
Yesterday I took one of our little boats
at Bellianah & tried the little new
gun on the pigeons. It was a great
success & I like it very much. If I
am able to have any snail shooting
later on I shall find it delightful.
I had with me little Paul Moody
the son of the hymn man. They are

WAVAVAV L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté.

هذا الوجه يختص العنوان فقط

اتحاد اليوسته العام
مصر
تذكرة پوسته

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A Sir Thomas Longmore B
The Daddock
Woolstone
Southampton.
England

2. 54/89
B. Dreyseyn. No Cairo. 2/2/92

P.C. 2/2/92
Thanks for yours of 24/1/92.

Very glad to hear Mother was
really getting on well.

On Sunday tea, church & supper
with Mokerieff. Monday

running about shopping lunch
with Dr. Sandwith & dinner

with friends at Hotel Continental
Today off at 10.45 with 42.

They do not look interesting.
I'm sitting next to Mr. Phelps

W.S. Minister at Berlin,
formerly in London.

Weather fine & warm today.
I am feeling a good deal stronger.

Those gloves sent to Palestine were
evidently appropriated. Recd

about £28 in fees last voyage
but hope not to have so much

to do this time. Sorry to hear
of such small dividends. W.L.

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté. ✕ بهذا الوجه يتحرر العنوان فقط

اتحاد البريولته العام
مصر
تذكرة بولسته

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A Lady Longmore
Woolstone
N. Southampton
England

R. The Great. Luxor. ^{L 54} 9/2/92

I meant to have written you a letter tonight but have been prevented as I had a good deal to do. Another broken bone off a donkey today & I was a good long while patching it up this aftⁿ. Then took filucca & two young ladies & went off to see a patient & call on E. Hornby & Miss James who are at the Temple / rival block / hotel. They are both steady too but not serious. Then dined on board Dahabiyeh with nice people. Had to go to bed afterwards, back to steamer to see fracture & put him to bed & then had to go off to another dahabiyeh to see a orch arat in Cook's service. It had busy day, am just off to bed 11-15:00. Lovely weather & very nice people on board & I am stronger. Will write next mail. Such a crowd of people here. W.

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté.

بهذا الوجه يتقرر العنوان فقط

اتحاد البريقات العام
مصر
تذكرة بريقة

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



Lady Longmore
Woolstone
N. Southampton
England

Coneh.

12/2/92.

L. 54/91

I send a P.C. from here as
I don't think I've written
by this mail, I never quite
know after we leave Sauxor
how the post boats go.

I had a nice few days at
Sauxor, not so many friends
as usual, but very nice
people indeed on this boat
Had a nice excursion with
Lady Pearson & her son, they
have come on board again
to go to Howan again & back
to Cairo. Had a good deal
of work to do too.

The quail are just coming
in & next voyage I shall
hope for a few days with
the little gun. Lots of love
W.

have gone to the 2nd Cataract & after staying at Luxor come down on this ship again. Mr. Phelps & the Boardman are Delightful. Mr. Boardman is a Judge & a Senator & a very interesting clever man. He has been a great sportsman too & takes an interest in the birds here. Then Lady Pearson & her son are on again & go down to Cairo with us. We shall be very full going down. I have several doctors on board including a German who has visited you at Netley & a young fellow travelling with an invalid.

At Luxor I saw something of Mr. Monty & Miss James. They had come up by post boat & been rather crowded. Then Mrs. H. knocked up at Luxor with pain in her back & side which were

"Rameses the Great"

Luxor

Feb. 16. 1892

(3pp)

My dear Father.

It seems quite a long time since I have written a letter to you yourself & I'm afraid too the last mail you will only have had P.C.'s from me. We are just getting in to Luxor from Assuan & then I shall get my letters off. I shall be glad of it as it is 10 days since I have heard from you. Altogether we have had a very good voyage so far. Weather just about as it's best, extremely nice people, no anxious ~~con~~ & just enough to do to keep my hand in & my expenses paid. The Pollards I found had a son at Kings with me & they were very pleasant,

first thought to be pleurisy & then liver congestion. She was getting better when I left but unfortunately & stupidly had consulted the Syrian Doctor from Dr. Cook's Hospital instead of the English Doctor at the Hotel. The Syrian is not a bad surgeon but no physician. It is a great pity he has been allowed to practice this year & has rendered the position of the Englishman very unpleasant indeed. It all comes of Dr. Canney not knowing about the place & the Hotel & so not having the necessary clauses inserted in his agreements. He naturally knew nothing whatever about the place & now has had to play 2nd fiddle to the Syrian. I saw a bad case of Double Pneumonia with ~~one~~ him before I left Luxor for down

One lung was then clearing & we hoped he was going to recover but his strength did not hold out despite 24oz. brandy a day & he died a day or two back. They are rather rich Americans & want to take the body to America at any price. The total cost will probably be nearly £400 including £100 to Dr. Canney & the Syrian for embalmment. It seems a terrible waste of money. It is also a curious thing to embalm a body now a-days at Thebes the ancient centre of mummying & embalming. We had a great meeting in my room last night, Dr. Canney, Dr. Wills, Dr. Eccles & myself. Wills is medical registrar at the Westminster Hospital & a good man. It was very very amusing, as we

after leaving ⁽⁵⁾Tunisi - Wednesday
17/2/92
I was glad to get yours & mother's of
the 4th with the photo of Harry &
the local paper. I am very dis-
gusted to hear Rosie has not started
yet. I do hope she will. I thought
if they stayed in Malta till
the beginning of April I could have
joined them there instead of
staying in Egypt so long.
If you remain limp & think
both you & ~~father~~ ^{mother} would be better
for some sunshine, why don't
you both go off to the S. of France
the middle of March & escape
the cold April winds. I could
probably join you & get back
beginning of May. (I thought I
was writing to mother & meant
limp after bronchitis & influenza)
I do not think it would be at
all a wasteful expenditure, &
when you were both there in '86
you enjoyed it decidedly.

4 16 Feb. 1892 L 54/92
were talking a rather vulgar
young scotchman put his head
in & asked for some patent
drug. Then when there was a doubt
if I had it, he said he would
"try at the pharmacy" that
meant Dr. Canney & of course we
all could not help laughing.
It is a great joke amongst us the
way people come & ask for
things & send prescriptions to be
made up & just as if we were
chemists. They ask for tooth-brushes
& lavender water even. Some one
asked a man for some Beecham's
pills, which according to the
notice are worth "a guinea the box".
He said he had no Beecham's
but that his were double as
good & therefore worth two
guineas the box.

(6)
I think the Dickens have been
several springs lately.

At present I have not made
any plans about what I shall
do when ~~the~~ I finish here on the
13th of March. I am anxious to
try & ~~try~~ see about Smibel & Lady
Halpa but I shall not do so un-
less Mrs Cook will give me a
free pass on the steamers. The Mon-
-crieffs & other friends will put
me up so I shall have no difficulty
in staying till the middle end
of April if necessary.

I had not said very much about
myself lately because tho' feeling
very much stronger & better in
all ways, yet I kept on having
a little fever now and again
in the evening & still have it
occasionally tho' not so much or
so often. I hope & fancy as I get
worth again I shall get rid
of it. I am keeping pretty quiet
& as much out of draught as possible.

I am very sorry you were not
able to go to the prize giving but
of course it would not have been
to allude to the prize books
if you had spoken so it is just
as well. I am sorry Armstrong
lost the places but of course we
all knew he was highly placed.
It is a terrible affair the "Idio"
wreck, but merciful it was not
much worse. I am glad Mr.
Rastebrook has sent you a nice
photo. of the Hospital. I got a
couple in Jerusalem but not
very good.

I was sorry about the L. & W. B.
Shares Div^d being so low especially
for poor Julia. I think that
the transfer of shares, especially
for the girls is wise, as it is
better they should have to manage
a little money now.

I think my watch from Russell
has altogether been a fair one, as
the only thing is that if it

(W) 16 Feb. 1892

L 54/92

it breaks down in an out of way place
it cannot be put right. I should
think he would probably prefer
a strong silver chain & have the
money to go towards his saddle
outfit or a rifle.

When I get home we must try my
eyesight again, I remember ^{em} the paper
quite well.

The mystery of the "Weekly Times"
is that they have been going to
the Lady Strangford Hotel ever
since I left there & I suppose
Macdonald & the Sisters have had
the benefit of them. I have not
seen one! It is slack of them
not to have let me know before
& you had better stop them at
once.

The German officer is Dr. Seller
of the 4. 3rd reg. of Guards stationed ^{back}
at Berlin, he saw you at Netley
17 years ago & send warmest
regards!

Assiont. 19/2/92

Just got your P.C.

of #7/2/92 but no
letter. It must have
gone wrong.

Quail are shot in corn
& beans

I will write ~~on board~~
from Cairo again.

Glad C's poetry was
appreciated.

With love to all.

Yours affecⁿ son.

Will

I a more perfectly nice table than ours I shall never sit at. I had a great rush as usual in Cairo, but a great deal about it that was pleasant enough. On arrival I went up to town with Dr. Colman who is far from well, has high fever every night thinks it is malaria which he got at Port Said - is going off tonight to Montreux where he will very likely go to Mary de C's Hotel. I had tea at Dr. Rogers & as usual had a most interesting talk about M.D. affairs. Some of which I will probably write to Father about presently. There I met Whiston who has distinguished himself by mounting off his horse & breaking his R. collar bone, he is all right very cheerful, just off to Wady Halfa instead of Donakin, to relieve poor Hyles

Rameses the Great ¹⁸⁹³
Bedouycheyn
(27) 23/2/92.

Dearest Mother.

I got on arrival at Cairo the "long" envelope with yours, Father's, Jack's, Rosie's, Dr. Maclean's & Transfer Doc - for all of which my blessings. The transfer doc "only signed & witnessed" is already returned. I wrote from Amman & you will probably only get this a day or two later or perhaps at the same time.

We arrived in Cairo in good time & I moved a swiftness of 30/- by one minute on the time of arrival.

I have been real sorry to say goodbye to all the passengers

who had to day has had an unaccountable stroke
of paralysis & is bad. The M. I. of the L. A.
is simply cut all to pieces. Rogers, Hayes
& Morse left, Hunter, Myles & Whiston
hors de combat.

I meant to have gone to church but paid too
more visits & was too late. I dined with the
Gairdners from Glasgow who ran out for
10 days "for the blow" after influenza. They did
get a blow too coming in for a great gale in
the Mediterranean, they are so very nice, it
was very homelike & jolly meeting them.
Next day I went off to Mena House with Lady Leamington

& drove back directly after lunch. Then
shopped & business. Afterwards to a great
tea with the Phelps & Boardmans in the "Royal
Suite" at Chepheard. Lovely flowers, lovely
diamonds etc, etc, but the people real grit.
One sent me down a pot of lilies of the valley
& another a big bunch of violet so my cabin
is arcadia-like.

Then I dined with old Kaufmann & his son &
~~but~~ have promised to go to Berlin sometime.
I dressed at his hotel & afterward had to
meet some friends at the Continental where
there was a big dance on so we did not get a good
chat

thing in every way.
I should say meet a Mar-
seilles about middle of
April & stay a little while
at Hyères, wh. I want to
see & then work up thro
that beautiful Pyrenees
country to Paris. This of-
course is visionary as I have
no time to think yet, but
it would do & also we
would probably meet Lady
Pearson & her son again
& she knows the Pyrenees
well. Marseilles is the
best halfway house.
I must close this now &
will write in answer to yours
from Assisnt.

Don't go to Rome.
Your loving son.
Will.

2

L 54/93
23 Feb. 1892

I only danced one polka but
on such a perfect floor as I have
seldom seen. I was in bed
by soon after 12.00 & managed
to sleep without difficulty!!
Now we are off again, quite
full except one cabin wh.
I'm trying hard to get to
sleep in.

Poor Rosie, it is rough certain-
ly, tell her she may draw
on me for £1 for an early
birthday present, she may
as well have it now as not.
It wd be absurd to go to Malta
via Brindisi; take a real
big P.O. & it will be much
the most comfortable.

I am delighted with the idea of
Jack joining me & think it
would be an extremely good

2
Of April, but we could just
in from then to the 20th of May,
very well indeed.

The two places I should land
at would be either Naples or
Marseilles & I think my pre-
ference the latter.

If it was Naples & you met
me there we could see Ves-
uvius, Capri etc & work back
by Rome & Florence, if
Marseilles (which I presume would
be a much cheaper & shorter
journey for you) we could
stay for a little while at
Nîmes on the Rhodan, see
the curious old towns of
Nîmes, Arles & Avignon & do
some mild riding & driving
among the hills to the north
of the Pyrenees, which are very
lovely in May.

Ramesses the Great ^{L 54/94}
Near Assuan
2572/92

My dear Jack.

Thanks for yours of the 11th.
I'm sorry to hear your commig.
is likely to be so long delayed,
as I know what dull & other-
some work it is waiting about
with nothing to do. The worst
of it is too that if one is wait-
ing for something, it is so
unsettling that it makes it
hard to do those things that
one can & ought to do.

I think the idea of your meet-
ing me is a good one & I shall
be very glad if we can arrange
it satisfactorily.

I don't think I can get to
Europe till about the 20th of

We could put in a few days at Paris &
come back direct to ~~Paris~~ London by Rouen
& Havre.

As to shooting I'm afraid it is too late & guns
are too great a bother to carry in France.
There are a whole family of Clarkes sitting
around me this time. I think they have
just lost their father & are travelling for a change.
They are all brothers & sisters & all look about
the same age. The boys all have guns & are keen
to shoot so I shall have some companions for
my onslaught against the quail & pigeon.

26/2/92 - I went out with two of these young Clarkes
this evening & they are extremely good shots. It was
getting dark but we got a quail, a pigeon, a
pigeon, 4 doves & a plover & brought down an
osprey but it got away, worse luck, into a group
of palm trees & we could not find it.

If we went to Marseilles we should probably
meet Lady Pearson & young Pearson at Hyères
which would be jolly as she is a very good sort.

I don't think we have a very lively lot on
board but our table is pretty jolly again. Mr.
Gilbert is rather a snarly chap & looks con-
fused & under.

Let me know as soon as possible what you
think of going. Your affecⁿ B. Will

2

It is curious to think of the better weather you are having. Here it is now as near perfect as weather on earth can be I should say? Bright blue sky, breezy, rippling N. wind & thermometer about 78 to 74° in the shade at midday. I should try & ask some one from home for Friday to Monday to keep Jack company. Could not he take up rifle shooting in connection with one of the local volunteer corps, the practice would be good. Fiddling, singing & French is rather poor fun for a restless individual aged 20.

I 54/95

Ramona as the Great Assionit

27/2/92

Dearest Mother

I sent a letter to you by Ronnie Dec. which I hope you will get before this one. Last night I got a great bundle of letters here & a couple of papers. Thanks for yours, Mabel's & Father's of the 18th Feb. I'm glad to hear that Father & Chill had a parently passed off all right. As you say his downs & ups are wonderful, but don't go to Rome. Go to Algiers for a month if you like & meet me there, but after all except for a regular long stay in one place abroad I fancy the study & bedroom fire are worth a good deal.

Mr. & Mrs. Roar is still hanging about. Jane had better
join Jack & self in Pyramus. But I fancy she knows those
parts pretty well. I'm sorry for E. Armstrong. Hubert
Bray is a very good fellow & will make a 1st class officer.
I've heard nothing of Allan Macnab except a letter from Mrs
M. with good news of him. Whiston was in my cabin at Yoe
this morn'g on his way up to Halsa. a very nice fellow. He
sends kind regards to you all. Poor Loolie & poor de C.
Tell Father the quail are shot in dry crops of short barley,
lentils & clover, rather hard walking but good stuff to shoot
in, quite dry & sweet smelling.

The Darwins are on their way home and are going over to
see you, they are both well. They have such a nice girl
with them a Miss Norton who plays the violin ex-
-cellently.

I don't think Jack could do better with his £100 than
put it in the 3 1/2 P/c

I will you send one or two of my
last letters to

Barry Blacker Esq M.D.

184, Ebury St S.W.

He has written me such a lot lately
& I have not treated him well.
You might ask him down for a
Saturday to Monday, he is an awfully
nice little chap & Jack knows him.
I have written 10 letters & I'm
tired of scribbling

Much love to you all.

Yours affecⁿ son.

Will

I was all arranged in two hours last night.

Mr. Cook was very affable & I don't think it will cost much & I see Abou Sambel Koroko & Halfa - also the manoeuvres are going on, Spang & Whiston are there & others I know and it will be pleasant.

I leave "Rameses the Great" of course & shall probably stay a week at the Luxor Hotel on my way down & get back to Cairo by the last steamer the "Mohomet Ali" with D. Canney & others from the Luxor Hotel.

Little Gun
don't
will
with
quell



Rameses the Great
Conch

L. 54/96

4/3/1892

P.C. 2/31 Luxor

My dear Father.

I sent you a P.C. from Luxor, but will send a line today as I have changed my present plans a little & am off to Wady Halfa & the 2nd cataract by steamer from Philae on Monday next going I hope with Mr. Albright, Lady Moncreiff's brother. I have hoped to do this all the winter & it became feasible

A Dr. Henstock is taking my boat back to Cairo & is on board now. He is a friend of Dr. Stevenson's of Woolton & curiously enough I was introduced to him there once. Please tell Dr. Stevenson this & give him our combined greetings. Henstock was travelling with a patient who died at Luxor so he is free. I have only one or two patients on board this voyage so shall not lose much. The heat always seems to do me good, so I think I'm doing the best thing in not going back to Cairo for a month's stay there.

I shall not get letters now for a fortnight which is a bore, but I shall arrange to have them sent to Luxor on my return from Halfa which will be in about 10 days or a fortnight from now. In weeks' time you'll see all about the 2nd Cataract trip.

Escher Hornby still pretty seedy & at Luxor - going to Syria soon to take a house at Beyrouth - With much love to all
Your affectionate Will

they are generally cluffers, & should never have good watches put into their hands. It is much better when anything is required to send the watches home to England."

At p. 521 of yesterday's (5th March) B. h. week. J. you will see some remarks of mine on the New Milit. Weapons & Explosives published.

I had returned from London a few days ago. I fear what Dr. Cottle told her about her face he has made her very uneasy & depressed. He appears to have called her ailment "dry cerebral eczema" & led her to think it might spread to the head & lead to loss of hair. He told her I should know about it from his prescriptions. She is not to sail - is to walk out regularly every morn. - not to eat sugar, &c. - His recommendations - Pulv. Zinc Ox. Zij. Caluminae Trich. Zij. Amyli. gr. x. Glycyrrhiz. Zij. Ag. Rosa ad Zij. Fiat Lotio. Apply frequently with a camel's hair brush & immediately wipe off - R. Pulv. Zinc Ox. 3℥ss, Ol. Amygd. dulcis Zij. Pulv. Hyd. Ann. gr. ix. M. Sanguisale Ess. m. v. Adipis Benzoinat. Zij. M. Fiat Ung. To be applied lightly at bedtime - R. Ung. Sulph. Zinci, Past. Momi. Zij. T. Rhei, 3℥ii, T. Tinguib. 3℥ss Inf. Gent. ad 3℥viii. M. One lotio. powerful in a wine glass of water after meals twice daily - Also purg. pills when required - Pul. Rhei Co. gr. iiii℥ss. Sythi Col. Co. gr. i℥ss. - One or two at bedtime.

Rose is now at Exmouth staying with friends. Jack went up to London yesterday morn. & is staying at the Windsor Hotel near the R. & N. Station. His friends the Weddells are there. We expect him back on Tuesday. He will only miss one riding lesson tomorrow. I hear he is getting on very satisfactorily at the riding school. I have got a good Engineer's Hunting watch for Harry. Price £10. As I got one for Jack I felt it due to H. to get one for him too. Best love from us all, your affectionate father, Tho. Longmore. Very cold 2. Wind. & low temp. today, & all last week.

Nothing yet settled about Charles's share. Much will have to be done. I am afraid it is going to be a long time before the matter is settled. Walsley, Sunday, 8th March 92

My dear Willie. (on Thursday last, 3rd inst., 92)

What I mentioned to you about affairs at Messrs Cox & Co. will have made you anxious to know more on the subject, & perhaps a letter written to-day may reach you earlier than the regular mail letter of next Thursday will. All we have heard has been reassuring as to the solvency of Cox & Co. & their power to meet all liabilities. Charles Owen writes in very strong language to me to withdraw my account from Cox's, but it is not an early thing to do after they have been managing my money affairs for 50 years, especially when I have nothing but rumours, or very little more than rumours, which Cox & Co. declare are without foundation, to go upon. My mother's cousin, Cecil Moorsom, has a cousin who is one of the partners in Cox's bank - William George Campbell, Junr. partner, & my mother wrote to her, & she assures my mother, on her cousin's Campbell's showing, that all is safe there - although the rumours which have been spread about have of course given rise to a panic. She tells my mother that the Duke of Cambridge would not believe, nor take any steps, though people whispered in his ear anxious stories, & if this is true, he would hardly act so without good assurance that he was doing what is right. As the Head of the Army, if he were to allow Cox & Co.

to remain Agents for all the Regts of the Guards,
for 100 per cent of regts of the Line, for the V.R. &
the R.A., &c, unless he had proof all was
right, it would probably cost him his position.
So I feel confident, but my confidence with not
^{from acting with caution.} I think I told you I had taken
£250 out of Cox's & put it into Charley Owen's
bank. Tomorrow I propose going to Southⁿ to
ascertain on what terms the Nat^l Prov^t Bank
will open an account with me, & ~~ask~~ if an
arrangement is come to with transfer the £250
from C.O.'s bank to the Southⁿ Bank. A
difficulty in the way of doing things hurriedly
- unless I resolved on a complete separation from
Cox's - is that they draw all the dividends
of my securities, my half pay &c. They are also
familiar with all my matters & ways more than
ordinary bankers are. In case of my death, Cox & Co
would do everything necessary about widow's pension &
the account at Cox's is in the joint names of your
mother & self, so she if necessary, could draw cheques.
Your mother has seen Capt. Althea (R.E.) again today, & he
says the Heads of his Service are satisfied - Major
Eyre-Fraser who has been backward & forward to

London on the subject remains satisfied. The
C.O.'s letter rec^d today he writes "for all the reasons I
gave you my advice is (1) send one another cheque for £250
at once (2) withdraw entirely from Cox & Co. quietly, as soon as
may be. ~~Something~~ is, or has been wrong, & therefore for the sake
of your wife & children you will be justified in taking the course
I have suggested." All this is rather trying, & as you
may imagine your mother's & my thoughts have been
very fully occupied about the business ever since we
first heard of it. You shall hear again on the subject on
Thursday. I suppose your next letter will let us know
something about your future movements.

I send you by this post the Guin's Hosp^r Gazette,
which has reached me today. It contains the Netley questions
of last session, & I dare say Gresham, or other Netley
men, in your neighborhood may be interested in them.

I wrote to Mr. Russell (the Watch manufacturer at
Liverpool) that you saw but one objection to his watches
- viz, that when away from England there was difficulty
in getting them repaired in case of need. He replies,
- one watches generally are just as easily repaired as any
other make of watches but the particular watches you
have had from us are necessarily somewhat more
complicated than ordinary watches. But our
experience of Egyptian watch repairers is that

S.S. "Amkehi" L. 54/98 (1)
Korosko
8/3/92

(4pp)

My dear Father.

There will not be much chance of this getting off to you for some time, but I will write a few lines tonight if mosquitos & sleepiness will let me. I think the last you will have heard from me will have been a P.C. from Luxor or Luxor saying I had arranged to leave the "Rameses the Great" & go to the 2nd cataract. I interviewed Mr. Cook at Luxor & he was really extremely nice about it. said I could do just as I liked if I could arrange properly for the steamer & could go when & how I pleased. I found this Mr. Kenotock doing nothing at Luxor so he was glad enough to have another trip up to Assouan & take the steamer down from there. I was very sorry to have to leave him a good many sick people & especially as one or two of them were French, who spoke no English & he spoke no French. I have had a good many French patients lately & got on well with them all nice people. I had Sunday at Assouan most of which was spent in packing up & selecting my things, loading cartridges etc. I had an awfully long day night & early morn. with patient packing etc. We got off by train at 9.00 & left Philae by this stern wheeler at 10.00 on yesterday going to Philae were Mrs. Hornby & Miss James who have left Cook in disgust & gone to Suez & were on board one of his steamers. Mrs. H. is better but not at all well. They go off to Cairo at once stay a fortnight more there & then take a house at Beyrout for the summer. At Philae we left the train & took up our quarters on board of one

2
of the government "steam-sweepers" used by Cook for the bonriots between Philae & Wady Halfa. They have three decks, main for engines & stores, upper for passengers, cabins etc & a promenade covered with a canvas awning above. They are short, stubby strongly built little affairs made to stand a great deal of bumping against rocks & to go in very shallow water indeed. They have room for 12 or 14 at a squawk, but our number 8 was quite enough in hot weather. There are cabins for us to have by themselves as being 8 - 2 had to go together, therefore Albright & I took the large cabin as we knew each other. Unfortunately it turned out to be too near the engines so we I took the dining saloon as a bedroom last night & had a delicious cool night. As we have had it just below or above 100° F each day from 12 to 3.30 one has been glad of a cooling down at night only to be obtained by sleeping with everything open as you may imagine. We are as usual a pretty mixed party on board, an old clergyman Professor in the University of Toronto, kindly, clever, but dogmatic, a Miss Cleveland, sister of the ex-president of U.S.A., a Miss Simpson from Florida who is very nice, a young Russian prince

(4)
It is a wonderful change to India after Egypt, everything is intensified & concentrated to a wonderful degree. The sand of the desert becomes golden & comes nearly to the water's edge. The hills are colder, wilder & blacker & the strip of cultivation & trees is reduced to a band of intense green color winding along the water's edge. Blue sky, black hills, golden sand, green strip & then the water, make a wonderful picture.

The tree growth is more natural & luxuriant than in Egypt. Date palms, dom palms, acacias, sycamore figs & tamarisks all grow together & there is often a good deal of undergrowth. The villages are more like kraals with high walls round them & are certainly better built than the Egyptian ones.

People are quite a specific race & not much arabic is spoken. They

2 8 Mar. 1892 L. 54/98 (3)
from a Saudi reg. at Petersburg, Mr. Albright from Edgaston, two middle aged English women of an interesting type & myself.

We pull well together & the Professor keeps us up to the work of sightseeing as he is very energetic. Everything is very small & primitive on board we can just get in to the dining room & beside a small passage there is nowhere to sit except up above & there under the canvas it is too hot in the middle of the day.

It has been very hot but we have all stood it well, about 100° F each day from 12. to 3.30. a.e. Just ~~ago~~ at present (Wady Halfa 10.30. a.e., 10th) It is not so very hot but I'm sitting in my chaise longue with a small Nubian boy behind my back with a fan to keep off the flies & keep the air moving.

use a kind of ⁵cluck (made with the tongue) like I have heard the Zulus & central african tribes ^{are said to} do.

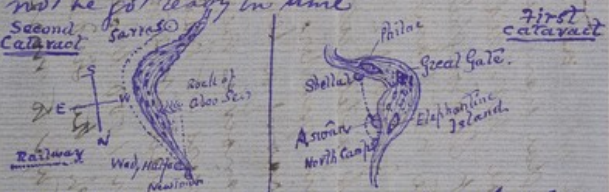
Along the banks on both sides but chiefly on the west are many ruins of different date, ages & stages of decay. The most conspicuous of course are the old Egyptian & especially those of Ramesses II's period. Then there are many Roman & Greek fortresses, Nubian convents & finally fortresses & store houses built by Mohammed Ali & Ibrahim Pacha at the time of their conquest of the Soudan. Besides these, mounds at different places mark the sites of buried cities & probably temples not yet explored. The most beautiful part of the river is at Kabatshet & the approach where the river is narrowed by masses of black rocks & high cliffs on either side

is really very grand & fine. At a place called Ikrem the river widens out & there are some miles of sand banks on the middle where crocodiles in some number are seen. We saw three, one really a big one lying at the end of a spit of sand, he slipped off into the water as we got near & lay with his back & the top of his head just out, looking very rough & weathered & a kind of green colour.

We spent one night at Korosko & climbed up a hill some 700 ft high to see the sun rise over the desert & the road or ~~the~~ camel track leading off among these two lines of hills to Dongola & Khartoum. This was the way Gordon & many others took to the Soudan. From Korosko we went on to Abou Simbel where we spent

B.S. Ramesses' Rowan. 13/3/92
 7/60 instead we went off to the rock of Abos
 Seis to see the cataract. It is a very fine
 desert ride, mostly over hard sand of dis-
 integrated granite & red sandstone with
 mugged dark hills & sand dunes on either
 hand. It was down the valley that
 Warden Negamis, mahdi troops, swept on
 their way to the battle of Tokki in 89 where they
 were utterly routed by Gen. Grenfell. We did
 not start till 4.30 as it was awfully hot
 & even then at 6.30 was almost unbearable
 on the desert. Only sunset & moon rise over
 the cataract the green rushes & shrubs gleam-
 ing at the edges of the rushing water &
 making a streak of life & color which was
 brought out & intensified by the wilderness
 of sand & rocks around. Nothing of life
 except that streak of water between the
 Red Sea on the E. & the far off Atlantic
 on the W. Yet that streak of water
 gives life to millions of people & makes
 a country that all the world has
 fought for & tried to possess.
 All the great travellers in Egypt have cut
 their names on the rock of Abos Seis & as there
 is nothing to deface it is rather a good thing.
 However we did not add ours to the number.
 We had a lovely ride back by moonlight.

L. 54/98 9 8 Mar 1892 6
 an evening of awe-struck wonder at
 sunset & afterwards in the moonlight be-
 fore the colossal statues. (I will tell
 you about the temple afterward)
 We left early next m. & steamed on to
 Halfa between 30 to 40 miles, the most
 uninteresting part of the river with the ex-
 ception of the curious formation of the hills
 which take on most curious shapes &
 looks as if they had been built into py-
 ramids, towers, pillars & figures. We
 got to Halfa about midday & hoped
 to go on to the frontier to a camp
 called Sarras (36 miles by small
 railway), but we found the train
 would not be got ready in time.



These two fine maps not drawn to scale will
 show you the 1st & 2nd cataracts & their railways

I did not reach our boat till 9 a.m., pretty well tired out. Next day everyone went off to Sarras by train starting at 6 a.m., but I did not go as I thought I had seen the cat-
-aract thoroughly & should only spoil my idea of it by the hot train journey, besides I wanted to see something of Spong & Whiston & call on Colonel Woodhouse. I breakfasted at the Mess with Whiston & afterwards saw his quarters & saw Spong at the Hospital. They have been having a terribly bad time at Halfa with influenza. The manoeuvres were due & they had all available troops & officers at Halfa. General Grenfell arrived suddenly & started it & in 2 weeks they had 14 Officers (English) & over 1000 black troops down with it. Curiously enough the Firdais was the worst case & Lady Grenfell went up to nurse him. Manoeuvres were put off &

all troops spread out under canvas in the desert as far as possible. General Grenfell is on board here & much better & he told me that just before he left Halfa he saw a sheikh from Rongola who told him that every one had it there & that the Mahdist troops were suffering severely.

After the Sarras people came back we started off at once & got back to Atou Simbel again by 6 a.m. for another wonderful night & sunrise there. I don't think I have ever felt anything like the air there. It is so balmy, so soft & rich that that alone would stamp the place. We ate out on deck at dinner in cotton coats & yet the thermometer was probably 85° F. - we did not feel it in the least. No mosquitos, no flies no noise & just enough breeze to keep it fresh -

(4) Suxor. Tuesday evening. 15th 9

We got in here safely at 5^o a this aftⁿ -
tomorrow I take up my quarters at
the hotel for a week. As this ship will
be very full going down I think it is just
as well. I was glad to get your letters of
the 25th & 29th of Feb. Evidently from
what you say you have missed one of
mine written about the 4 or 5th of Feb. I
have never let 3 mails go only on P.C.
I was sorry to hear about diphtheria in
the Hughes family, but I hope as you
did not mention it in the last letter
that it has not been severe with them
& has not spread. Very glad Jack has
settled satisfactorily about the riding.
As I shall not be at Marseilles till
April 20th I should think that would
suit him well. Very sorry Rosie has
not got away, but glad she will have
the run to Exmouth. I'm afraid you
have been very unwell but hope fr.
the last letter you are really picking up.
I shall not be at all likely to return
by Rome, but I possibly might do so
if many friends are there.

(Three of the steamer doctors are here
& we are just arranging a document
to look to apply for better cabins) so
writing is rather difficult.

I saw the notice about Cox's & their
manifesto & I was anxious I indeed
hope it may prove only a rumour.

Malbright & Mr Marshall who ~~to~~ will both be staying ¹⁰ as
Monerietts are staying at Luxor now. There are changes
being made in the Luxor Hosp^l administration & it
is being put in the charge of the English resident doctor.
& the Syrian got rid of, we have therefore a good
deal to think of & talk over. It is rather hard to
have to settle it for someone else when I feel I ought
to have had the berth!

Glad to hear of Dr Maclean walking about N. Hope to meet
Gore Graham in Cairo & possibly he may get home at
the same time as I do.

I shall send this off now & give you a description of
Abou Simbel & the rest of the Nubian trip in my
next letter.

With love to all
your affecⁿ son.

Will

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté. ✕ بهذا الوجه يتحرر العنوان فقط

اتحاد البريقات العام
مصر
تذكرة بريقة

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A. H. F. Longmore Esq.
Woolstone
N. Southampton
England

^{L. 54/99}
Luxor Hotel. March. 14. 1892.

Don't forget to try & find a decent boy
to look after the boat if I it is thought
we can afford one, I will undertake
payment. Am having a very nice
time here. Only ~~to~~ a few people, tennis
in early m.p., donkey ride to temples or
quail shooting in evening. Rest, read
or write middle of day. Have a nice
cool N. room. Hope long letter of
last mail rec'd safely. W.L.

2
skins. I should think from Dr. C's prescriptions he thought Isabel's was largely dyspeptic & that careful diet she might improve it.

I got Mother's letter of 28th Jan. all right & Dr. Johnson's, I wrote to Dr. Johnson & also distinctly remember answering Mother's. I'm afraid that letter has never reached you.

Sellerbach went to Palestine, I gave him your remembrances.

I have just had a long letter from Mrs. Cant, they are going to enlarge the Hospital with various improvements & Dr. Cant stays on.

Delegh Lanny has gone to Cairo about this Hospital business as it couldn't be settled from here. I am looking after the Hotel till I go down by the "Mohamet Ali" of the 23rd I hope.

I shall only stay up longer if there is any serious case requiring looking after.

(2pp)

L 54/100
Luxor Hotel
March. 19. 92

My dear Father.

I yesterday got yours of the 6th of March with J. H. Gazette a very quick mail of 12 days to Luxor. I know this Cox's affair must naturally be causing all of us great anxiety, but as you say the Duke's opinion must almost without doubt be correct because he would have to get to the bottom of the matter & I don't see that you can do more than you are doing. I shall probably get another letter on Monday the 21st in time to reply before the mail & shall hope to hear then that you can feel more assured about the matter. It is sadly disappointing for Isabel, we seem to be most curiously cursed with delicate

S.S. "Mohamet Ali" Wednesday. 23/3/92.

I got off by this boat all right this morning & I'm rather glad as I have comfortable double cabin to myself & go right down to Cairo in her. The doctor is a very nice fellow as son of Mr Justice Wills & Medical Registrar at the Westminster Hospital.

On Monday I got yours & Mother's of March 10th also one from Rosie at Exmouth. I was very glad to hear the satisfactory accounts of Cox's. I suppose as long as you feel sure about the securities & papers of value being all right, it will not matter quite so much about current a/c. The only question will be I suppose if securities of value should be left in their hands for the future or not. I'm sorry to hear of the awful weather you are having. It seems quite selfish my enjoying day after day of the most perfect weather one can well imagine here.

One gets to think of a day of rain & clouds as almost impossible! This week at Luxor has I think been the most perfectly beautiful as to temperature, color and effect that I remember in Egypt. The crops are so beautiful now all just ripening, not yet golden, but the ears just changing from green to yellow, the palm trees are all just bursting out into their great clusters of white waxy blossoms. The Mimosa, Persian lilac and other flowering trees scenting the air, besides the common garden flowers all coming out. It has been wonderfully cool with quite a fresh breeze & some cloud each day which is very uncommon for this time of year. I had a nice cool room & the owner of the Hotel, Mr. Pagnon, would not charge me for my stay there which was nice of him. Curiously enough I managed to get a sore throat, without any reason I think of except the great change of weather after Nabia & it has been rather ^{irritable}.

(46)

Glad to hear there is a chance of Ronie Dec getting something suitable. If Jack & I go to Hyères end of April, Isabel might let the Scotts know if they are still on the Riviera.

Fancy little Miss Alford being married, it is a pity as far as Charlie is concerned, I am expecting the mail every few minutes & der who will carry on the school.

I heard of Whiston the other day again from an Officer from Halfa & he was getting on well tho' still plenty of work.

I'm glad Mother is asking St. Blacker down & hope he could come. I don't fancy I shall get any travelling or other job in Cairo & should not take it unless it was really good, as I'm much looking forward to spending a little while with Jack in the Riviera & S. of France.

Glad to hear of Isaac there, I have not heard (or written) for some time - I suppose he sees all my letters.

I have not told you anything about

"Indhametali" Assion ^{2.57/100} March 25. 92

We got down here in very good time today and have been very successful as yet in not sticking. I have had little Eric & his mother to a farewell tea & have not been out as it is rather dusty & windy.

I'm expecting the mail every few minutes & shall have time to answer your letters.

I wonder whether the last 10 days of fresh N. wind here ^{has} had anything to do with the cold weather in Europe.

I have heard nothing from Ward at all.

I got today a telegram from the present Doctor at Port Said asking me if I could go down there for 10 days as he had to leave for England in a hurry, so I don't know what has been done about it.

It is a curious notice about your book a mixture of flattery & the reverse. I am sorry to hear of Sir W. de's attack it certainly is a great pity he continues the London exams. or the work at all I should say.

(5)

Also Dinkels because it is really a difficult matter to try & describe it, it is so much more wonderful and grand than any of the other monuments of Egypt. However I have tried to put down some ideas about it & will tell you about it afterwards or when I get home. I shall always be glad I got the chance of going up to the Valley. I don't know quite what I shall do on getting to Cairo but I expect & hope to go to the Monastery for a week or any rate. Dr. Wills & I have rather talked of going to the Faiyum for a few days & we may possibly do so after a week in Cairo, afterwards I shall go to Port Said for a few days before starting by the P. & O.

"Perkaur" on the 14th for Marseille.

Just rec^d yours of 16th & P.C. of 13th & glad to hear of milder weather & good news of you all.

I am very sorry about Ward I cannot think who has

been elected so soon. Poor Dr. Stevenson, I hope his little boy will get all right.

I have other letters to write & so will close this now.

With much love to all.

Your affec^d son.

Will

Very glad to hear of Prof^r Holmes' letter about Harry. I shall probably be at Port Said fr. Apr. 10-14 & arrive Marseilles 20th. A P.C. of a Tweedie & would find me at Port Said.

Steamer is shaking awfully.

S.S. "Mahomet Ali"

L 54/101

N^o Cairo

26/3/92

My dear Jack

I see in Mother's last letter she says the Gazette may be earlier than expected & that it might prevent your coming to join me at Marseilles.

If you are able to do so let me know as soon as possible so I think if I can not be with you I might stay here a little longer if I found friends still in Cairo, still if you possibly can come do so.

Bring with you a Murray or Buckers Guide to S. of France & Pyrenees.

Don't bring more luggage than necessary, include knickers & gaiters, a flask, soap & a rough bath towel. It may be warm so you would probably like some thin flannel or canvas tennis shirts. If you write by the next

Mail after getting this it would be in plenty of
time to catch me in Cairo. I'm glad you have
been able to do the riding at Portsmouth. I hope
to get some rides on the desert this next week
or two while in Cairo, I expect Graham will have
sent his ponies up from Donakin by now & will
want them exercised. Tell Charlie I have got
him a magnificent Koutbush with a lash 4 foot
long & hope I shall get it home safely, also some
Egyptian Kites eggs. I had two young hoopoes &
a chameleon but the beggars died unfortunately
like all pets do.
I have written to H. J. to ask about rooms & said those
occupied by Her Majesty would probably be large enough
to accommodate us & our "suite." Yours affec B. Will

(2)
fresh to do for next year for I
really don't think I can stand
doing Cook's boy again, tho' what
else to find I dinna ken.
Jack will find
"French conversations & proverbs"
by

E. Loreille

W. Clarke Stam pass office, High St. Grantham
a most excellent little 7/6 book. It
gives a lot about Paris, hints,
cab-fares &c which are very useful.
Father would like to read & Sir
 Evelyn Baring's report, it is most
intensely interesting & very concise.
I inclose Miss Gourlay's letter
because I thought you would like
to see what she says about Lucknow
& other Indian towns.

Dr. & Mrs. Robertson are staying here
but leave on Saturday for a short
tour in Palestine, she is nice but
not decided like Mrs. Ballard.

at Sir Colin Moncrieff
Cairo I 54/102
3/13/92

Dearest Brother

Tel^{gr} sent April 5th in the morning

You will be glad to see where
I am housed for the present. I
got down from Luxor last Sunday
spent that night at Shepheard's
to see some friends who were going
next day & came here on Monday.
I intended going to the Faiyum
with a friend but he's gone to
Damascus so I may stay here if
they can keep me. Also I have
had a very heavy cold & am
glad to stay quiet, also I have
a good deal to do in the way
of seeing people & things, also
I've had a pony lent me for a
week & when I can ride morning
& evening I'm happy, also I'm
trying to get hold of something

I have just got yours & Father's of 24th, it is quick as today is the 31st. I am so grieved to hear of the Stevensons loss. I remember the little chap so well, it is sad, I only hope the poor Mother may do well. Will you give D-S. the enclosed. Tell Father I gave Sir Colin one of the "Sunshot & Injury Papers" shall send one up to Strong or Whiston & give the other to Graham. Very glad to hear he was able to do so well at the Gordon Boys' meeting & met Lord Wantage. S. Stoneham would be delightful for the Owens, but I think he ought to hold on for the main chance, which lies in the Midlands, I should think a few years of country parish work will do him a great deal of good, but he will certainly gravitate back to a town I should think & rightly for his lines are cast to work "among the busy haunts of men". I also thought Harry will refuse the surrizing

offer it is much better & he should follow his tent & if he left King's now he could not get the A.K.C. which would be a pity. I'm afraid my letters have been rather irregular but just as I was starting for Halsa I was so awfully busy I had not a moment for anything. Graham is due here on Tuesday next from Torakin. His brother talks of leaving the E.A. as he cannot get married while he is in it. If Jane travels now she had certainly better join J. & I & go to the Pyrenees, I think for what I hear we will probably make Suchon our head quarters there. I hope you will have written to let me know for certain about Jack before you get this, it would not matter as I should go to Marseille anyhow, but I should not much care to stay about there too long by myself. I don't think I shall add more to this now but give you another one in a few days. I am just off to bed & we breakfast sharp at 8 o'clock. It's been warm today. Your loving son Will

To Sir Colin S. Moncrieff
Cairo L 54/103
(2pp) April 2, 1893.

My dear Father.

I met yesterday Dr. Hislop who is second in charge at Bethlem & I took the opportunity of asking him about Henry Longmore. He did not speak at all well about his condition, feared any improvement could only be temporary & that another outbreak would probably come soon, I was afraid of this but of course it makes one prepared for what may turn up. It is terrible to think of Dio being with anyone who may break out suddenly into mania.

On Sunday aftⁿ Dr. Hislop, Dr. Will & myself are going over the great Gov^t lunatic asylum at Abbassieh with Dr. Rogers. Of course that come in his dep^t now & it is in a very

disgraceful state. Rogers hopes to get some hints from Hilsop as to reform & so it will be interesting. This Dr. Hilsop has very nearly walked to Egypt, thro' a great part of France to marseilles & along the N. african coast, now he is going to walk thro' Italy & over the alps! Someone sent me a "Scotsman" giving a notice of Dr. Johnson's death in it, very sad the way a great strong man like that broke down, I'm afraid he most probably had aneurysm.

Monday. April 4th.

I had an interesting afternoon yesterday at the state asylum with Dr. Rogers & Hilsop. All the sanitary arrangements good, but absolutely no classification of cases whatever, no separation & very little arrangements for exercise, recreation or industry. I rode out & coming back we had a few drops of rain the first I have seen in Egypt this winter!! The state asylum is next to the military hosp. in a very healthy situation at margin of desert.

2

L 54/103

2 Apr. 1892

Yesterday I was lunching with S^r Sandwith & met S^r & W^m Bentley from Mena House.

Curiously enough his two small boys aged 8 & 11 years are at Miss Alford's school. They come down all the way fr. Aberdeen. S^r & W^m B. will not be back for the first week of the boys holidays so they stay at the school for that time.

I said I would write & ask you to ask them over especially for the 12th or 13th which is the breaking up day & when they would be rather sad at being left behind. You will only get this about that date but I daresay Mother will find an opportunity to ask them over soon & it would be a good thing for Charlie. The B's are pleased with the school.

There is a big dinner on here for the Grenfelles & his
going out as they want space. Shall probably ride
over & dine at Mena & ride back in the moon light.
Great preparations are being made here for the
reception of the Imperial Firman, which will be
read in public in Abdeen Square.

I'm not anxious to hear if Jack is coming to Mar-
-seilles ~~as I thought~~ but shall no doubt do so
next mail. I expect to go to the Fayoum for a
day or two on Thursday or Friday with Mr. Albright
& perhaps Lady Moncrieff as the cold I had is
nearly alright.

I must send this off. With love to you all.
Your affecⁿ son.
Will

L 54/104
at Sir Colin's.
April 7. 92.

Dearest Mother.

Thanks to Father for his P.C. recd to day of Mar. 31.
Also to Jack for telegram "Citimus" saying he ~~is~~
not join me at Marseilles for which I'm sorry.
However if Rosie starts ~~at~~ about April 3rd or 4th
& stays in Paris we might meet somewhere if
they don't hurry on too quickly. If writing to them
say I intend to be at Costabello, Nîmes till about
April 28th & % Cook, Marseilles will find me.

I think I shall stick to my plans as there is nothing
much to be gained by staying here & it is terribly
hot ~~just~~ at present with the Khamsin wind. I
shall be tempted to come home rather sooner but
you will be able to tell me how the weather is.

Tomorrow I'm going to the Fayoum for a few days with
Mr. Allright, we go to a little hotel (or rather Greek
inn) at Medinet el Fayoum & work a few ex-
-cursions in to the country from there. We propose
to be back at midday Monday as I shall probably
go to Port Said Tuesday & sail Thursday.

I enclose a card of Fayoum Hotel for Charlie; he will
see the ducks & the camels are the same size &
the boats are peculiar.

Graham is up from Donakin & very fit. He won't
get home till August. He seems pleased about
Agnes' engagement.

We have been doing a good deal of driving with the Mon-
-crieff & I think I've seen more of Cairo than I ever have
before.

Letter Hornby here till end of month but not very well
going in for massage for her sciatica.

I must be off to bed as I have to be up & off early.

Goodnight & love to all.

J. Will

Tell "Welch" Graham his letter. I'll go & see B.

Hotel de Fayyum. Friday 1.6. Midnight & I came up here this morn'g and have had rather a
hot & dusty journey and am now enjoying a very greasy Greek lunch of unlimited
buttery courses, then we propose a sleep and a ride out to the Pyramids of Hawara
when it gets cool. They say the poories just going so I shall send this
scrawl off.

W.

I. 54/105
Hotel de Louvres
Marseilles
19/4/92

My dear Father.

I have written a long letter to Susie which I hope she will send on at once to you, so I will only send you a line.

Thanks for yours & mother's letter. I got Freddie, Port Said & for a P.C. addressed to Cook here & given me by them, — I got Cook — is always enough.

I was sorry to hear Mother had had headache in London again it appears to be perfectly fatal to her.

I left on the 13th as intended & we had lovely weather till Messina where we dropped in for half a gale of very cold N. winds had to go round Corsica instead of thro

thro' the Straits of Bonifacio &
so arrived here this morn'g, a
day late in the teeth of a horrid
cold Mistral, ~~but~~ bright sun
but cutting N. wind. I don't
suppose it will last long as they
say thermometer has been up to
80° & 90° here till this gale.
I suppose it has something to do
with the cold in the N. of Europe.
Your account is really wretched
& it is really a terrible winter
going on so long & there being
such changes of weather.
Certainly Egypt is the only place
I begin to wish already I was
back in the Fayoum.

I have not heard from Rosie
so have wired to Nice to ask
how long they stay there & I
shall probably join them, only
it is ~~so~~ very expensive staying

at places like Nice & I'm more
inclined to go off to Montreux
where it would be cheap, quiet
& inexpensive until it gets fir
to return to England near
I'm very surprised to Jack is
commissioned & has joined his
regiment already, I'm afraid
it means he has not got the
3rd Bn which is disappointing.
I will send you a P.C. tomorrow
or as soon as I settle my plans
I am so sorry to think of you all
in snow & cold again.

With love to all.

Your affec^d son.

Will.

You had better write

To Cosh

Marseilles

till you hear to the contrary

color, went up the hill without
guffing (which was more than I
did) & eat his beef steaks &
other tackle in good form.

I liked Ayres the country is pretty &
the town quiet & not nearly so formal
as any of the other places.

I left Ayres at 8.30 in the evening.
Spent the night very comfortably in
the train 2nd class, with a small
French family & a large pug dog,
got to Geneva about 11. & Montreux
about 3.30 the next afternoon. I was
wonderfully little tired after the
journey & went for a walk with
K. after having some tea with
her & "Auntie".

I was pretty glad to get out of
the Riviera, as I was nearly ruined,
it is simply frightful the expense
at the big hotels there, especially
moving on from day to day and
at the restaurants too one cannot

(2 pp)

L 54/196
Hotel Mont Fleuri
Territet
La Suisse
29/4/92.

My dear Mother.

I have not honored you with
many communications lately, but
the last few days I have been on
the run & before P. C. & letters
from Rosie were supposed to
suffice. I left Rosie & J. on Monday
& I suppose you will have
heard from them since. I went
on to Cannes, saw D. Frank at
Rue Hermann after I had got some
food in the town & then went on
up to the Scotts. D. F. was as nice
as could be & said he thought
I was looking "capital", strongly
advised sticking to Egypt while
we were discussing possibilities of
other places.

(I will be an Italian & soon here -)
I was surprised to find Dr. Frank
in the full swing of general prac.
tho just the same as ever. I fancy
he just sees anyone who can pay
his fees & otherwise does a great deal
of gratuitous work as well among
the poor. But he has not given
up in the slightest.

I called on Lady Agnes but she
was out, they will be town as
usual.

I found Mrs. Scott better perhaps
than I expected, the operation had
evidently been ~~so~~ done in good
time & it had not been necessary
to remove very much of the tongue
also it was in the middle line
so it has not caused much
disfigurement or loss of speech.

Speech has quite returned
poor thing, but
there is still some

trouble causing discharge from I should
think a small piece of stick left
in the wound. Dr. Frank said all
went off without any complication
but of course there is always the fear
of return. I stayed two nights with
the Scotts & went straight thro' fr.
Cannes to Montreux, except I
stopped for 6 hours at Hyeres,
saw Bertie Welsh who went for
a good walk & dined with me
before I left. I went all over the
place out to Castabelle & up to
the top of an old castle behind
the town from which there is a
fine view. I also amused myself
by looking at a lot of houses &
small villas (there are only a
few in the place) & going in to
prices accommodation etc.
Bertie looks decidedly well, he is
of course awfully tall & narrow
chested, but he has a very good

I expect you will have heard
from Rosie, ~~at~~ will you let
her know in all right as I
said I should not write to her.
Much love to you all. Hope
you got on all right in town
I did not knock up.

Your loving Son.

Will

2
24 Apr. 1892

L. 54/106

literally get the simplest thing under
5⁰/6. I could not help rather wishes
that I had stayed ~~on~~ for another
fortnight or 3 weeks at Cairo & then
come home by long sea, I should
then have landed with nearly all
my earnings in my pocket whereas
not, they will very considerably
have dwindled down. However
it very cheap here & very nice
I have a delightful room at a 8⁰/6.
pension & the food and attendance
is I think ~~and~~ decidedly better than
any hotel I was at in the Riviera.
I should think this would be a
very good place to come to after
Egypt "to harden off" because
tho the air is very sharp & the
snow is quite close, still it is
very sheltered indeed, there is hardly
ever wind & what sun there is
one gets the full effect of.

They have had it very hot here but last night there was a slight fall of snow on the hills (rain here) - until the sun came out it was very cold & I did not go for an early morning walk as intended. The flowers are lovely, ground carpeted with cowslips (nearly over) forget-me-nots, orchids, violets, daisies and all sorts of clover & vetches. They are more English tho' not so bright as those on the Italian lake side.

K. looks extremely well & she is hearing very fairly well. I can talk to her across the dining room table without having to raise my voice to speak of, but if several people are talking she cannot hear. They stay here till the 21st go to Paris for a few days & then home but I expect & hope to come sooner.

Lady Kennett Barrington is here with two children, she is a disagreeable looking woman with a loud voice, who I don't expect or hope to see much of. A poor little boy of hers about 10 years old looks almost an idiot. The hotel is pretty full & some nice people. It is certainly very pretty situated. The hill going straight up thro' fir woods to snow topped points some 5000 ft. high behind me, the castle of Chillon jutting out into the lake 500 ft. below & beyond all the length of the lake & the snow capped hills of the other side.

I am ~~to~~ just going down to the town with Mary (mercifully there is an hydraulic railway up to near here) to get some things & see if there is any good movie on at the Kursal.

— Carte postale. —

Union postale universelle. — Weltpostverein. — Unione postale universale.

SUISSE. SCHWEIZ. SVIZZERA

Nur für die Adresse.



Côté réservé à l'adresse.

Latò riservato all'indirizzo.

Sir Thomas Longmore C.B.
Woolstone. Southampton
Angleterre

XI. — 1,248,000.

Hotel Mont Fleuri. Territet
Vaud - La Suisse - 30/4/92

L. 54/107

Will you countermand my
B. M. J. J. Lavis to Woodstone
& please send me the Sat &
Lants. paper & a P. Mail Budget
for last week (this Saturday) &
next. It is raining today & I'm
staying in. I got into shooting
hosi & knickers. & intended
going to the Kursaal as it is the
"classical music" day but it is cold
& disagreeable I gave it up.

Montreux itself is pretty gay, with
several very big hotels etc, but
of course up here on a wet day
there is really is nothing to do.
Mary & Miss de C. have got their
rooms done up very nicely &
I have tea with them.

Let me know at how the weather
is with you when you write &
what you think of my returning
about the middle of May. W.

Many thanks for mother's letter of the 2nd. Sorry to hear
she had had such a bad headache after town &
that you had not been quite well.
Had a P.C. fr. Rosie today. Hotel Mont Fleuri
who has found bad weather on the
Ljuban lakes, as I have generally done. 3/5/92 L. 54/108

My dear Father.

I have just got your
P.C. I'm sorry you had ^{been} a
little bothered at not hearing
from me, but I did not quite
know when I ^{should} arrive here so did
not write till I had done so,
before now you will have rec^d
several epistles from me.

I'm glad the boxes arrived safely.
The trunk might be opened as
it wd be better for the clothes in
it to be spread out in drawers.
The rugs also; the saddle bags
are for Mrs Notter, they will
want brushing & cleaning out.
The ^{are} camel sticks inside if they
arrived safely & one each might
be given to Frank & Ted, they are
the special sticks the Bisharrine
camel drivers use & are made of
the root of a kind of mimosa.

The other things can just stay till
I return. I am very comfortable
here tho' it is cold & disagreeable
weather I am feeling extremely well
& I don't think coughing so much as
I was a few days ago, altogether cough
is decidedly less than it was this
time last year even. I can get a
yfe. pension here; wh. is very cheap,
the food is excellent, cream & milk
very cheap, good walks about the
hills, good music at the Kurraat
at 1/2c. the week! - I am taking
French lessons, so, as I have some
Egyptian bird notes to amuse myself
with as well as I may stay as long
on here as Miss Dec. & Mary do, I. E.
till the 21st, take a few days in
Paris & get home on the 25th or 26th.
I should like to be back sooner but
if the winds are still very cold perhaps
I had better not, but we can settle
that later. Your affec³ son
Will

L 54/109

"Steamer" on Lago Corno

Sunday 8th May

My dear Will.

Thanks for yr P.C. which I
got today. I am only going to send a half
sheet to send Father's letter to you. poor
Father & Mother I am afraid they are
both in very sad spirits at losing Jack &
Charlie. However, Jack generally manages
to fall on his feet & so I hope he will be all
right & Charlie will be home every
Sunday & I expect he will really enjoy
school. but still Father's letter is rather
sad. Such a lovely day here at last -
Yesterday was an awful day - fearfully
cold N. wind & snowing on the mountains
in fact it came more than $3/4$ down
but I am glad today it has gone up again
today. We came here on Friday & on the
steamer on L. Lugano I was talking to
a lady & her daughter after talking
for about $1/4$ of an hour I found it
was Mrs Macnab & Mary! don't
laugh because I did ^{not} know them, I

have only seen them once before &
that was about 3 years ago when
Mary had her hair down - I think she
has grown very nice looking indeed -
They are at the same Hotel with us
so it is very nice. We went to Church
this morning such a very nice service
& this afternoon Jane & I started by a
steamer at 2.15 & went to Lucerne &
are now on our way back & shall be
in about $\frac{1}{4}$ to 6. Mary M. & I went
for a walk together yesterday. Today
they have gone for a walk & are then
going to Church at 5.00. The lake
& mountains & looking the most
lovely blue colour in fact every
thing looks glorious today as the sun
is shining splendidly - I think we go
to Lucerne on Wed. I am afraid I can't
find D. Cairns - but if I have time
at Bellagio - I will see if he is there.
Best love to K. sorry she finds you so
tiring to look after!

Best love Rosie

away has now come but it seems
to be so awfully cold that I sup-
pose it will end in my going back
with Mary & Miss Del. about the
26th, they get to Paris on the 20th,
& I suppose you may be there about
that time, but I shall keep of what
you are going to do. I rather hope
Jane won't cross over to Switzerland
while this cold lasts. Don't stint
yourself in the way of fires, hot
water bottles & hot baths, because
it's absurd. Fancy my bill for
last week was only £2 10-0 &
I've had lots of extras, rather a
difference to the Riviera.
If you write to Lizzie you might
send her this that there is nothing
in it.

With much love

Your affec B.

Will.

L. 54/119
Hotel Mont Fleuri
Sunday May 8th 92.

My dear Rosie.

I wrote you a P.C. to Cad-
via. I hope you got it in one fr. Father
yesterday he said he had written to you
there so I hope you are well posted in
the family news. It is wretched your
having such miserable weather but
today it has so completely changed
with us that I hope it will prove the
same with you. It has been literally
heavily here, rain or kind of sleet
every day & no sunshine but being
so high up on the hill one does not
feel the damp in the way one does
in the town & the roads & paths dry
very quickly indeed. It certainly is
a very pretty place this but has not
the luxuriance of the Italian side, the
spring greens & rushing water are

especially lovely to me after not
having seen them for so long.
In wet weather too one can always
go down to the Kursaal & tho' the
music there naturally is not up to
Monte Carlo still it is very good &
there is a good reading room & tea
place. Living up here tickets only
cost 1fr. a week, so I take two &
K. can go in with me. We have been
3 or 4 times already. K. is very
much better but by no means well.
Tho' she looks very well in herself,
she has been working quite hard
with Miss de C. doing a lot of French
& English dictation & reading stiff
books so as to get to know long words.
I am going in for lessons too!
I have a French governess, who teaches
a little girl in the Hotel, 3 days a
week & Miss de C. gives me French
dictation every morn'g. it is very good
of her, tho' rather amusing. I like

her & find her very full of fun
& go (except in the way of going
out which she does not do much of).
Today has been lovely & the hills
being a good deal covered with snow
made them all the more beautiful.
Mary & I went to Montreux to church
in the morn'g & had lunch at a big
hotel "Les Alpes" & then walked on
some 4 or 5 miles up the Rhone
valley & got in just before dinner.
They have rather a good ~~dodge~~ at
the Hotels here they exchange luncheon
tickets & so if you live in the town
you can lunch at the mountain hotels
& vice versa.

There are very nice people staying here
now, some Dutch girls & a family
called Archer & we have had a
very fair dance the evenings. The band
has been up.

I want to get home especially now
that the break of Jack & Charles is

went & came back by same steamer, they were
staying at the Bellevue & sat next to Jane at
Table d'Hôte. We got back about 4.30. & had tea in
our room & then I had a little talk with Mary
Mrs Macnab. It was the most perfect evening
nearly full moon & no clouds the snow mountain
stood out so clearly & grandly in the moonlight.
After dinner I went for a moonlight row
with a Miss Rudston Read & a Mr & Miss
Robinson. Miss R.R. seemed a very nice girl, she
& a widowed mother were staying at the Hotel, she
is a cousin of the man who married one of the
Miss Coxes of Islehurst. the other people were
nice but not particularly interesting. We
had a lovely row & got in about 9.30. I think
Cadenabria the most fascinating place - only
Mother longed to go for a row two or three
times instead of in the old steamer but of
course I could not leave Jane to go about
alone - Jane is very extraordinary in the dislike
she seems to take to any friends of other
people. I think Mrs Macnab & Mary wanted
me to go with them once or twice. I could
easily have fitted her times in if she had
liked but she did not seem at all inclined.

^{L 52/111}
Hôtel Bellevue. Cadenabria

(2pp)

Sun. 8th May 1892

My dear Father.

Thank you very much
for your long letter of Thurs 5th telling
me all about Charlie & Jack. I am afraid
you & Mother have been having a very
trying time starting both the boys off
at once, especially as one cannot help
feeling anxious about the result of the
start in life - however, though, of course
we will all ruin Charlie dreadfully,
especially you Mother & Alice - I feel
sure he will like school & get on well
as he will be just as anxious to keep
a good place in his work as he is
in the games & those he will enjoy
very much. I think poor old Jack will
get on all right if only he starts by
falling into good hands, which I trust
he will do; of course, no one could say
he was too thoughtful but I certainly
think he has been trying to be more
thoughtful over some things of late.

I am very glad he dined with S. Parker
& got on so well with him & S. Wicks. I
hope all the worlds are better. I am
afraid they must have been very
bad - the combination of mousey-corn,
water & paint sounds quite enough
to account for you all being bad. Tell
Mother not to bother about me, of course
I am always glad of a letter but I did
not expect one from her last week as I
knew she would be very busy. I had a
P.C. from Willie today saying they have
very rainy weather but that he is very
well. Today has been lovely here, I
went to the 8. of Service & was out
about 4 to 8 & the white snow peaks
stood out so clear & sharp in the
sort of blue morning light - the Church
here is very nice & a very nice Service
we went to 11. of Service & then came
in to lunch & at 2. went down another
arm of the lake in the steamer to
Lecco. the steamer was late so we
had not time to land but just came

straight back; it was lovely the sun
shining brightly & a fresh air & the
mountains looking glorious. I am glad
to say the snow has gone up again!
Yesterday was fearfully cold. The snow
came quite low down the mountains.
I think I said I got Isabel's letter all
right & many thanks for it.

Hôtel Schweizerhof. Lucerne.

Wed 11th May 1892. 9.20 p.m.

I am very sorry I have not managed to finish this & send
it off before but the last few days have been so lovely that
we were out so much I had not time. Monday was a
perfect day so Jane & I went off at 10.45 by the steamer
down the Calico arm of the Lake. We did not go to
Calico itself as there is nothing particular there
there but we went to a place on the opposite side
called Gravedona where there is a very funny
old Church: we got there about 4 to 1. & had to leave
at 2.30. so we went to the Hotel to get lunch - it
was rather amusing as the people only spoke
Italian so our conversation was limited; however,
we got a very good lunch in a short space of time
by dint of yelling 'presto, presto!' & then went
to see the Church; The Archbishop of York Mr. May
is here.

2. 8 May 1892 L 54/111
 to, so I gave up trying & told Mr Macnair. I was very sorry I could not manage it. I was awfully sorry to leave Cadenabbia, there were such nice people in the Hotel & the whole place was so very nice. I think I like it best of the lakes. We got up at 4!! this morning & came to Como by a steamer which left at 5.40!! At Como we got into the train for the S. Got hard pass. Of course getting up so early by the time we got to the beginning of the pass I was so horribly sleepy I could hardly keep my eyes open - much to Jane's rage - & mine too, as she kept on poking me to see some fine sight just as I had dropped off. I am afraid I missed the view at old Harry or anywhere but near me - I felt awfully cross for a time & then thought better of it & did my best to stand on one leg & enjoy it. It is certainly a very grand sight - huge rocky mountains covered in some places with luxuriant vegetation, the young green of the trees looking very lovely - in other places fir & larches & deep snow & then deep gorges with mountains rivers, the beautiful green

3. L 54/111
 Thurs = 12th May 1892 10. 17.
 Yours of Tues 10th & Mother's May 9th enclosing Wilkie's to Charlie, just received. Many thanks for them. I found a letter from Wilkie here enclosing one from Mother of 2nd May & half a sheet from you of 7th May. I am very glad W. is at Territet & I know he would get on well with Miss de C. also it does not seem expensive which he will be very glad of. I hope you will get good news from Jack that Charlie will be all right - tell him when I come home I shall come & see him on a Wed- afternoon & if Miss Smith will let me I will play cricket with them or take him for a walk. Poor Mother I can quite understand how she would hate going to the dance & I think it was awfully good of her to go. Jane says please go & get as many flowers as you want & also ask for some asparagus as there is plenty & she would like you to have some. I expect we shall be here till Tues or Wed- & then go to Paris staying one night at Basle I think - Hotel St. Petersburg at Paris - Why Jane goes there I can't think as I think it ~~about~~ ^{quite} the nastiest place - It is cheap I suppose that is why she likes it - but I prefer fresh air - It is a wet morning but quite warm - I am not sorry as

we cannot start off up the Rigi or Pilatus. I expect it will be fine tomorrow by the look of it. On Tues: we went to Bellagio from Cadenabbia, we first went for a drive & went to the English cemetery as J. wanted to see Dr. Egge Coabbi's grave, then we went for a lovely drive, part of the way through the old part of the town, the streets so narrow that the carriage wheels nearly touched on either side. Then we went to see the shops & spend some money! When we left Cadenabbia it was raining but cleared soon after & the lake looked lovely in the morning light as the sun shone upon it. Tell Mother I don't think I am any the worse for the bath room, I can say I liked it as it smelt horrid which made my throat feel a bit stuffed up - but I am quite all right this morning - have a very nice room here looking over lake - has stopped raining J. is waiting to go out. Best love to all - I will write to Mother soon, Ex Yr.

Rosie

blue above, rushing, dashing & foaming over the rocks, the more one sees the more wonderful one thinks the works of Nature are: also the works of man, for certainly that line is a wonderful work. The way one goes over one bridge & sees two above, ~~one~~ then goes into a tunnel, makes a complete circle & comes out as the 2nd bridge & then see the line below & the line above - The Swiss mountains & scenery are very fine but I don't think I shall like Lucerne as well as Cadenabbia as it seems such a towny place. Am too tired to write more. We got home at 4.30. & after tea in our rooms Jane suggested going for a walk! I struck & said I was too tired! I was nearly asleep then! She is as strong as a horse when in good spirits. Her cough almost entirely disappeared the last two days at Cadenabbia but she coughed rather again last night as she did not sleep well. We had dinner at 7.30. I listened to the band for a short time then came up to finish this to you - & now find it cannot wait tomorrow. J. stayed talking to her cousin Mr. Vigoro. Good night - Best love to all -

W. Vigoro's daughter
Rosie

8 miles along the valley with
snow covered mountains on either
side & had our lunch & tea by
the way.

I am doing a good deal of French
as it seemed a pity to be in a French
speaking place where teachers are
good without doing something.

I think the air up here must be
very good after I get it & it is
wonderful how well I am able
to climb the hills now compared
to what I could do when I first
came - Of course I do not do much
but it is nearly 400 feet every
time one comes up fr. Montreux.
The thunder clouds have changed to
rain but it seems warm and will
no doubt melt the snow.

Julia is better
my heart to
I have sent some
flowers home
I know but
they are out in
a fortnight to
Grandpa

out of the way part of the world.
Also with Charlie tho the old
life is broken off, yet he is very
close & will not lose the influ-
ence of home & we shall not
lose him in the same way as if
he was going far away.

One thing I wish that Rosie &
I were at home to share it all
with you, for of course when one
is right away & not leading
the home life one cannot feel
it in the same way.

What a wretched thing about the
mouse getting into the cistern. It
occurred before some years ago &
I well remember helping mother
to fish out a very horrible object.
I thought the cistern had had
a stop put in to render it im-
possible for anything to fall in.
Of course that will now have
been seen to

The weather seems to have changed
all over Europe about the same
time, but it is still not quite
settled here, there being thunder
& the appearance of rain today.

The great charm of this place seems
to me to be the absence of wind,
however it may be blowing in the
Rhône valley or at the Geneva
end of the lake it is generally
perfectly still here & that of course
is a very great thing.

Many of C. myself & some people
from the Hotel went for a good
excursion yesterday up the Rhône
valley for about an hour by train.
I went to see a waterfall in a
deep gorge the water of which
comes from the glaciers of the
St. Bernard & of Mt. Blanc
& is one of the tributaries of the
Rhône. We walked back about

L. 54/113

HOTEL DE HAUTE EGYPT FAYOUM

HOTEL DE PREMIER ORDRE FIRST CLASS HOTEL



Directeur E M . S . MATANDOS

S.S. "ORIENTAL."

L 54/114

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.

EMBARKATION NOTICE.

S.S. "ORIENTAL," Sailing Friday, 4th Nov., 1892.

The Managing Directors beg to announce that the Special Train to convey the Passengers to the S.S. "ORIENTAL" will leave the **Liverpool Street Station** of the **Great Eastern Railway** at **11 a.m. on Friday, 4th November**, for the **ROYAL ALBERT DOCKS**, where Passengers will embark.* (SEE NOTE.)

FARES.

FIRST CLASS:

Single 1/6. Return 2/-

SECOND CLASS:

Single 1/3. Return 1/6

Railway Tickets for Passengers and their Friends are sold at the Liverpool Street Station only.

After leaving London the Company's Steamers do not call at Plymouth or any other Port in England.

BAGGAGE.

As the Company by their Passage Ticket exempt themselves from all manner of liability, no matter from whatsoever cause arising, in respect of Passengers' Baggage, attention is specially drawn to the facilities afforded for its Insurance. (Vide the enclosed notice.)

Only Light Hand Luggage should be taken by this Train.

Passengers encumbering the Special Train at Liverpool Street Station with Heavy Packages will be subjected to an extra charge, as follows:—

Packages over 1 cwt. 5/- each.

" 84 lbs. and under 112 lbs. ... 4/- "

Packages over 56 lbs. and under 84 lbs. ... 2/- each.

Small Packages, under 56 lbs. Free.

Baggage will be received at the Company's West End Branch, 25, Cockspur Street, S.W., if delivered not later than 3 p.m. on the day previous to the Steamer's sailing from London. Such Baggage will be received, forwarded, and shipped at a moderate charge, which must be paid on delivery of Packages. Forms and tariff can be obtained at the Company's Offices.

Passengers residing in London, by filling up an Order Form to be obtained at the Company's Offices, can have their Baggage collected from their residences (at their own risk), from any part of London or Suburbs within the radius of the London Parcels Delivery Company, and conveyed to, and shipped on board, the Steamer, at a moderate charge—which must be paid at the time of collection. This Order must be posted so as to be in the hands of the London Parcels Delivery Company, Limited, at least 48 hours before the sailing of the Steamer. Passengers should have their Baggage collected earlier when practicable, and must bear in mind that nothing but Hand Luggage can be taken in the Special Train conveying Passengers to the Ship.

Baggage from the country can also be forwarded by Rail, carriage paid, consigned to the P. & O. Company's Superintendent, ROYAL ALBERT DOCK, London, an advice of its despatch being also sent to the same address by post, accompanied by a remittance to cover Dock Dues and Shipping Expenses, particulars of which, and also forms of advice, will be furnished at the Company's Offices. Passengers are recommended to satisfy themselves that such Baggage will reach the Docks not later than the morning of the day previous to sailing.

Labels showing the Port of destination, "Cabin," "Wanted on the Voyage," "Not Wanted on the Voyage," will be supplied on application at the Company's Offices, and Passengers are advised to place two of these Labels on each Package before sending the same for shipment.

* This Special Train is the only means of transit by which the Company guarantee the embarkation of Passengers.

For further Particulars apply at the Company's Offices.

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company,

122, LEADENHALL STREET, E.C., and

25, COCKSPUR STREET, CHANCING CROSS, S.W.

Plastic bands.

Collar - gloves, Black Tie
wans -

Keels -

Chloralium

have not ~~counted~~ countermanded my B.M.J.
will father kindly write to the Office & ask them to send
it to 1/2 Cook - Cairo

We due at 1/2 midday tomorrow &
I hear we are to stay some few hours &
I hope to see the Stevens & finish my
letter a little more comfortably than
I can here on a camp stool in my
cabin wedged in between two basins
to keep steady. Tell Charlie there are
two polo ponies on board going to half
one black & one white & they look
very unhappy packed tightly in a
kind of crate with a tarpaulin over
them & only their heads showing out.
Still they seem quite well & snap
at all the lascars as they pass by.
Next to them are cages for sheep &
hens & ducks & I suspect the ponies must
think they have got in to a very queer
farm yard. They are carrying frozen
fresh milk entirely, which is a great
score as it is the first ship I have been
on where one has not had beastly sweet
thin milk.

at Mrs Stevens house
Tuesday 2.30-4.0

I am going to close this here ^{many} S. S. Oriental
has promised to send it. ^{and here} About off Lisbon
all my florishing & raining ^{her love. Horrid & raining} Monday. Nov. 17.
& quite as cold as England!
Tell the blackam. many looks
well. With love from
Dearest Mother. will

I hope you got my P.C. posted
at the back of the I. of Wight. We
really have had no cold weather
to speak of & now to day the
sun is getting to feel quite warm.
There was a good deal of loup in the
Channel which increased to an
unpleasant swell in the Bay,
not stormy but dull with light
S.W. breeze & rain occasionally. The
swell was too much for me but be-
tween my cabin & long chair I was
fairly comfortable. Today the weather
is lovely, with wind nearly behind us
& all sail set, chiefly to dry as the
wind is light. They have all the sails
set on all the small boats in the
davit & they look very jolly.

Two large ports which can always be kept open -
I have a very airy cabin on the main^{deck}, not very big for 3 but fairly comfortable - I; unfortunately, have the upper bunk which has a skylight & also an electric light near it, which is rather a nuisance at night, but I tie my head up in a bag or rather put a handkerchief over my eyes. Beside Reginald Brooke, who I have seen with, there is an old Colonel Boyle in the cabin. He is an old R.A. & knows the Nicholsons rather well, red faced harmless old idiot. He is going out as a tourist to Egypt & has all the regular preparations which rather amuse Brooke & myself as they include an enormous solar tpee in a huge sandbox slung up like a shield against his cabin wall. He is going to an Hotel which is only just finished, if it is so, & is very pleased at having booked his rooms beforehand on account of the crowd.

There seem to be a very nice set of officers on board this ship & the captain especially so, who is like an old edition of Fred Freeman.

Gen^l Nicholson I like very much indeed & I have not seen very much of Mrs N. & the girls, as they have been very bad as well as a governess & Gen^l N. says he has had his hands full as nurse - He is very like Charlie N. about the face the same straight kind of look & smile but not the laugh. The girls, about 14, 14 & 10 are very pretty indeed, most beautiful features like their mother who is very handsome. Mrs N. told me that the Admiral is at home & living with old Mrs N. at Rochester who is very well. The N's have not been to Malta before & he does not seem to care for the app^t very much, except there is a very good house indeed.

I. 54/116

LIST OF

S.S. ORIENTAL, from London, Nov. 4; from Brindisi, Nov. 13.

FOR BOMBAY.—Mrs. W. A. John and two daughters, Mr. E. P. Caspersz, Mr. and Mrs. Heonessy, infant, and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser and infant, Miss Hoghton, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. and Miss Butcher, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarke and maid, Miss Adams, Mr. J. E. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Carrell, child, and lady friend, Mr. and Mrs. Hensley and infant, Lady Freda Clements, Lady Hilda Clements, Earl of Leitrim and tutor, Hon. Patrick Clements, Lady Kathleen Clements and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham, maid, and manservant, Mrs. E. S. Lund, child, infant, and maid, Mr. R. E. Phillips, Lord Dorimer, Miss C. Dorimer, Mrs. Wylde and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Bucher, Rev. H. W. T. Plowman, Mrs. Plowman and infant, Miss Plowman, Mr. W. Macdonald, Lieut. H. W. C. Colquhoun, Mr. H. W. Tugwell, Mrs. Field and two children, Miss Hawes, Miss Anley, Misses Agnew (two), Mrs. Kirkpatrick and party, Mr. T. P. Gardner, Mr. J. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Maclaran, Miss Maclaran, Miss A. B. Boyd, Mr. J. Hodgkinson, Rev. L. F. Phillips, Mr. T. W. H. Ashton, Mr. F. D. Cummins, Miss Faber and maid, Mr. R. R. G. and Mrs. Crookshank, Miss Lambert, Miss Newton, Misses Lewin (two), Mrs. Anthony Smith and friend, Mr. J. Noble, Mr. E. A. Leach, Mr. C. Vallange-Vallange, Mr. Vallange-Condell, Miss Bishop, Mr. C. J. Caræ, Mr. W. A. Harry, Capt. G. A. Pagan, Miss Somerlatt, Mr. and Mrs. Candler, Dr. Erhardt, Mrs. J. Brennan, Mr. Joseph Thomas, Rev. F. A. P. Sheriff, Mr. C. Sugden, Mr. MacLachlan, Mr. O. Petre, Mr. J. Melville Stephens, Mrs. Bosanquet, Mr. R. E. Cross, Capt. Colvin, Mr. J. W. Lowe, Miss Donaldson Hudson, friend, and maid, Mr. E. Barrett, Miss Sharpe, Mr. Taylor, Capt. P. S. Marling, V.C. *From Brindisi*: Mr. H. C. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodburn, Misses Woodburn (two), Miss Ashlin, Mrs. Irving, Countess of Leitrim, Lady Maud Clements, Mr. F. B. Findlay, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. Blundell, Mr. C. Chuckerbutty, Mr. D. M. Smeaton, Mr. Edwin John, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, Mr. R. Sanbolli, Mr. Framjee, Sir John Muir, Lady Muir, Misses Muir (two), Mr. Muir, footman, and maid, Mr. Robertson, Lieut. C. E. Wood, Mr. F. W. Bentley, Mr. F. H. Barrow, Mr. Colingwood, Mr. and Mrs. Leveson-Gower and maid, Mr. Holmes, Mr. E. R. P. Moon, Maj. F. C. Maisey, Mr. Muirling, Sir G. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Eggar, Mr. J. H. Eggar, Mr. and Mrs. Galty, Mr. H. Rendel, Mr. L. R. S. Jones, Count C. Kinsky, Mr. H. Patrick, Mr. A. W. Shepherd, Mrs. Griggs, Mr. A. D. Speissis, Mr. M. L. Dames, Col. W. Salmon, Mr. Manisty, Mr. G. G. Blake. *From Gibraltar*: Mr. and Miss Solane.

FOR ISMAILIA.—Mrs. Nares, Col. Boyle, Mr. R. Brooke, Misses E. M. and G. H. Reed, Mr. Barnham, Mr. W. S. Richards, Mrs. Hudson, friend, and maid, Miss M. Franklin.

FOR ALEXANDRIA.—Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Winston, Mr. Alderson, Mrs. Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Borchgrewink, two children, and governess, Miss Armour, Mr. P. Wales, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Ongley, Miss Pemberton, Mr. Seymour, Mr. Hecht. *From Brindisi*: Mr. R. Brooke, Mrs. Settle and maid, Miss Powys, Mr. and Mrs. J. Butler, Mr. E. A. Butler, Mr. Bartholomew and two friends, Mr. G. P. Burt, Mr. Cassell, Mr. Gaven, Mr. Willett, Rev. J. J. Twist, Miss Twist, Miss M. A. Twist, Miss Dewes, Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. and Miss Lazarus, Mr. and Mrs. R. Soares, two menservants, and maid.

FOR YOKOHAMA.—Miss Fawns, Miss Stogdon.

FOR MALTA.—Mr. and Mrs. Gale, Miss Reed, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Hutton, Col. and Mrs. F. Fane and child, Mr. A. S. Cave, Mrs. Lapeonandaye, Miss Lynch, Mrs. Clothier and son, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Green, Mr. H. E. Taylor, Capt. Rhodes, Gen. and Mrs. Nicholson, Misses Nicholson (three), Mrs. Mourilyan, Mr. Burn Blyth, Mrs. H. Divini, Mrs. M. Cattain.

FOR HONG KONG.—Mr. E. F. Griswold, Mr. W. M. Stanifold.

FOR GIBRALTAR.—Mr. and Mrs. Richmond, child and infant, Surg.-Capt. Maturin, Dr. and Mrs. Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton, Miss Thornton, Capt. J. B. Simone, Mrs. Maturin, Surg.-Capt. and Mrs. A. Cottrell, two daughters, and maid.

FOR MADRAS (*via Bombay*).—Mr. and Mrs. Ashpitel, child, infant, and nurse.

FOR SYDNEY (*via Bombay*).—*From Brindisi*: Dr. Kennedy.

FOR BRINDISI.—Mr. Chas. Lord, Mr. J. G. Prickett.

FOR SHANGHAI.—*From Brindisi*: Mr. Willett, Mr. Goden, Mr. Castle.

FOR PORT SAID.—Dr. Longmore.

FOR RANGOON.—*From Brindisi*: Mr. Finlay.

S.S. RAJAPAT, from London, Nov. 10; from Brindisi, Nov. 20

I hope the chicken-pox boy did ~~it~~ not spread it all over the school. poor Miss Smith seemed very unhappy about it.

I hope you are going to do very well this term & not have any more tooth-aches to make you stay at home & lose marks. I hope also you will be always very cheery on Monday mornings so as to keep up Father's & Mother's spirits as much as possible & try to remember how much more lucky you are than most boys who don't go home all the term at all.

The two polo ponies are looking very mournful to day as it is very cold & rather wolly & I think they will be very glad when we get to Malta & they go ashore -

Now I must leave off this scribble which I hope you and Alice will be able to read between you -

With much love - Your affec^t B. Will

L. 54/117

S.S. 'Oriental'

Gibraltar

Thursday 8/11/92

My dear Charlie

I expect your birthday will be coming round about the time of my letter getting home so I will send you a line now.

I hope you have found that those stamps of the Suez Canal were real. I shall enquire at Port Said but I don't think I shall tell you what they say as Mr. Horn, the man who sells them at P.S. is rather a rascal & might not speak the truth.

I believe he has all the Turkish stamps too, so if I see any special ones cheap I may get them.

We are just getting in to Gt. & I'm sorry to say it is ~~is~~ raining



which is rather a nuisance and intend going on shore to see the Stevens, Mrs Maclean's daughter & her husband. Their little girl called called "Muffit" came out to Gt. last week during that dreadful storm when the 'Romania' was wrecked & of course they were very anxious about her. I hope she was a better sailor than I am.

There are a lot of black Ayahs on board & two children have just got one for the first time & it is very funny to see them as they are half afraid of her as yet. One of them has taken a great hatred to a parson on board & what between the ayah & the parson the poor kid does not know what to do.

The parson is very mild & childish & does not look as if he would hurt a fly



We are passing a great many ships just now as we are just getting near the Strait of Gt. & with the African coast of one side & the Spanish coast on the other & no opening to see it looks just as if we were running straight on shore.



Last time I went to Gt. the fruit was splendid & I got lovely grapes & peaches & green gages for hardly anything. I remember I got a huge basket full as much as I could lug back to the ship & I had to get a small boy to carry it at last



We have had a very stupid voyage.
very dull bad weather & even now
not at all warm. Yesterday was a
lovely day - hot bright sunshine all
the while & very pretty coming
down the Greek coast. We get to
Port Said tomorrow & I am staying
a few days there before going to
Cairo. I heard from some Cairo people
on board this ship that a Hospital
appt. which I thought I might possibly
have got has been given to another
who was in Cairo last year, but
he had already a small appt. under
the Government.

I had very good accounts from home
in the letter I got at Brindisi which
I was glad to hear.

Don't bother to write as I shall hear
what you are doing from home.

Yours ever
Will

L 54/118
S.S. "Oriental"
Nov. 15. 92.

My dear Jack.

Mother sent me your letter
about the Service Corps. I must
say I don't think I should do any
thing about it in a rush &
without going in for it very tho'
-roughly do I can't help feeling.
(tho' I don't of course know much
about the duties of A.S.C.) that
you would like your regiment
or else life in India a great
deal better.

I don't know how you have got on
up to the present as to expenses
in the Regt., but I should think
there was no reason to suppose that
your present allowance could not
be continued under existing circum-
stances, tho' of course it would be
(or under other circumstances)
better if you could do without it.

I certainly should not let the question of its being a good thing your staying in England or the doubt about your health in India deter you from what seems best.

Harry must be in England for some years, there is no reason to suppose I shall not be at home during part of each summer at least & also C.M.O. is always at hand & to be depended upon.

As to India, altho' I should not like to advise you about it & then find it did not suit you, yet I believe that if a fellow who takes average good care of himself he has just as good a chance of doing well as to health there as in England or most other places. At any rate I myself would settle down in India perfectly happily

If I had any good reason for going there.

You could not I suppose get the chances for sport, seeing service seeing the world & knocking about generally in the Service Corps that you would either with a Regt or in the I.S.C. Also of course it is right to look ahead I think of your pension etc, but you have some 5-20 years of your life to wedge in between & you have to think what will be most pleasant & suitable to yourself during all that time as well as what has to come afterwards. I know I can't really advise you as I don't know the difference well enough & 11/- a day is a solid difference to 5/-, especially if promotion is likely to come quickly.

with ~~the~~ ^{some} nice people, either going
to Cairo & curiously enough one man
was up with me two years ago -
I must close this now & put in
the rest of my things as we shall be
in in an hour.

With much love

Your affecⁿ son

Will

L 54/119
S. S. "Oriental"
Near Port Said
16/11/92.

My dear Father

I am only going to send you a
a short line with me to Jack as
I expect we shall just meet the
homeward bound P. & O. at P. Said.
Read my letter to Jack & only send
it if it more or less coincides with
what you & Mother have written
or, if he has settled anything ~~to~~
different. Do not send it.

We have had a very pleasant few
days since leaving Brindisi quite
smooth & also pretty warm.

To day it is getting quite hot & I'm
sure will be very warm on shore.
I got your letters all right at Brindisi
but they did not come till the

my last mail of all about 11.45
on Sunday night. I was very glad to
hear you were all pretty flourishing
& the dog really nearly well.
I will try to ask the A.S.C. people
at Cairo what think of the service
but I must say I should not
think it was much in Jack's line.
However you will see what I said.
After I had sent off my letter from
Brindisi I went up to meet the
train de luxe & helped some
friends over to their ship. a great
friend of the Kelbells has gone out
from Fareham to an Aunt at Alex-
andria & I was able to meet her &
introduce her to some people on board
the "Hydros" which was also in at
Brindisi. They say the P.E.O. through
train is very much improved.
We have to undergo the formality
of inspection for pratique here

& I don't know if I shall have any
trouble going ashore, but I hardly think
so, because it is very absurd & is
really only on account of the possibility
of some of the Brindisi passengers
having stayed in Paris or other in-
fected town on the Continent.

I shall I hope have plenty of money
& there was not any need to have
sent out the other £5 as Leigh Lamey
will have kept the price of the saddle
you paid for him at Cook's to
my use, - however. I will let you
know details later on -
If the worst comes & I have to stay
at an Hotel in Cairo I can
live half price at Shepheard's
at 8/- a day which of course is
very cheap for Cairo, but if I do
I shall probably go to Helwan for a
bit & have a look round there.
I have made some pleasant friends
on board & have been lucky ^{and} sitting

L. 54/120



NAVY HOUSE

PORT SAID.

Thursday, 17th, November 1892.

By the kind permission of the Captain and Officers of H.M.S. "Landrail"

AN ENTERTAINMENT

will be given by the Ships Company

PROGRAMME

FIRST PART

March	Boccaccio	Band
Song Comic	Mc Carthy and Co	W. Stevens.
Song	The Midshipmite	A. Bennett.
Song	The Political Railway Train	A. Valentine.
Song Comic	As I walk along my beat	F. Watson.
Song	My son	N. Dalton.
Song & Dance	The Gamekeepers Daughter	G. Martin.
Polka	Kingfisher	Band.

TABLEAUX VIVANTS

"THE GAMBLER"

Gambler	F. Watson		1st Gambler	T. Wills
Gamblers wife	H. Ratcliffe		2nd Gambler	A. Valentine

Interval 10 minutes.

SECOND PART

Valze	The Mikado	Band.
Song	The song that reached my heart	T. Wills
Comic Song	Mr Michael Donovan	W. Dalton.
Song	The Stowaway	A. Bennett
	Performance on Indian Clubs	J. Parrington
Song	How did you loose you arm	A. Valentin
Song	No room	F. Watson
Song	Just behind the battle	S. Kilminster
Song	Maggie murphy's home	N. Stevens.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

To commence at 8.30 p.m.

It is always rather a motley company
on board the poor boat, Greeks, Arabs,
Italians, half breeds & Levantines generally,
are certainly not the most charming
fellow passengers in the world.
I was surprised to find Whiston at the
station at Cairo. He had been sent
down in a hurry from Kalfa to hold
himself in readiness to go off to Suakin
in case Mr. Roman Digna creates
any trouble there, but it seems prob-
able that there will not be any
trouble to speak of.

He has not got anything special to do
so will be very glad to make some
excursions with me if we can manage
it. He is anxious about Mr. Whiston
who he is says is rather failing, but
he (Whiston) is a very anxious sort
of creature & rather an old man
tho' nice enough.

There are only two or three other fellows
at the mess including Pinckney who
is a nice fellow.

L. 54/121
(3 pp) Graham's Room
Abdin Barrack
Cairo.
Sunday, Nov. 20, 1892

Dearest Mother.

I installed myself here yesterday
evening very comfortably after the
long & dusty railway journey from
Soudania.

I don't think I have written since
my arrival at Port Said except the
line to Father written as we were
getting in. After very absurd quar-
antine functions in which we were
all inspected by 2 wretched looking
Italian doctors (presumably), we
were allowed ashore. The doctor from
the "Landrail" (who was at P.O. in
my time) & Tweedie met me &
the latter got me a room at the
Eastern Exchange, a new kind of
hotel, club, bar & business house
which I think I have spoken of before.

The great advantage of the place is that it is very high & has a capital lift & from the balcony outside my room I could see all over the old canal, lakes, sea & town. The club is new since my time & a great boon to the Englishmen of P.S., it is almost out of doors being chiefly in under a large balcony & has billiard tables, reading room, dining room etc. I only had my breakfast there dining & lunching with some one each always. The matron is just leaving the hospital & a much older woman from Guy's has been appointed, the same nurses stay on. The doctor does not seem a bad fellow, a little bit rough having knocked about the world a good deal. On account of poor Dr Robertson's death he has started a great practice & must be simply coining money, however I don't think even for a few years it could possibly have been right for me to have gone to Port Said.

I dined on board the "Sandrail" & went to a great smoking concert got up by the men which was very amusing. It was curious to see English ladies, men in evening dress, officers, Somali boys, arabs, blacks & blue-jackets all mixed up together & enjoying themselves most heartily. Port Said is a good deal improved in many ways even since I was there. I had to be on board the post boat at 4.00 in the morning & it was really lovely coming up thro' the canal in the fresh morning air. There were just millions of ducks & flamingoes in some parts of the lake, looking like pink clouds in the distance. It gets rather a weary journey tho', five hours on a small steam launch & with hardly anyone ~~see~~ except arabs to speak to. There were some Greek children on board who made friends with me, we talked arabic but it was very funny to hear them talking greek.

20 Nov. 1892

L. 54/121

Tuesday morning.

Yesterday I paid a good many calls but a lot of people I know have gone & they seemed almost all new faces in church. It is sad to think there are no more Sunday evenings at the Moncrieffs.

I have come to the conclusion that perhaps I ought to have a coat of some kind between my fur & that light grey cloak. If Graham has not started when you get this & I don't suppose he will have done so, will you send out that brownish coat with a velvet collar which I sometimes wore, if there was time it might be just cleaned & the collar put in order.

I also want a few yellow cord boot laces which I could not get before I came away, but they could be sent at any time.

The end of the voyage, it is most extraordinary the difference when at sea!

I have sent my letter to Graham.

It seems rather a long time till the middle of January to be spending instead of making money, but I still have hopes I may find something to do. Meantime I am looking about for an arabic teacher, going to Kelouan &c, &c.

I think I shall send this off today as I believe it catches the Brindisi mail. There are very few tourists in Cairo yet & the Hotel are disappointed, Mena House does not open till Dec^r 15. so it seems as if it would be rather a late season.

Will you give ^{and} the enclosed to Graham -

With love to you all.

Will

The Khedive passes my window on his way to the palace each morning & the native reg^t bands he makes an awful noise.

3 20 Nov. 1892

L. 54/121

On Wednesday I had a very good morning
with Mr. Milton at Kasr-el-Aini & after
going round the Hospital saw him do 2
lithotomies & 2 lithotrities & some ops.
There is an enormous amount of work there.
I was advised by someone here to apply
for a vacant post under Milton &
should have liked the work immensely
but Sandwith agreed that I ought not
to think of doing kind of House Surgeon
work in a large Hospital even in Cairo
I wish I could do so, but at present I
must not complain as I am living
here very cheaply, the climate is as
perfect as anything can well be & I'm
picking up Arabic always besides
being able to go to Hospital whenever
I choose.

St. Roger is up the river I'm sorry
to say & I have not seen him except
just to say "how do you do, to". He is
inspecting all his district so I don't
suppose he will be back in Cairo
till after Xmas.

I forget if I told you that an English doctor had gone out to
Kelowna, the Hotel is not going to do much for him I believe,
I have been over there & don't think a great deal of it,
as far as I can make out the general opinion is that
Kelowna ~~with~~ is not a coming place.

I was dining with the Dean. Dr. Butcher, a few nights ago,
he is always very kind & nice & has a doctor whom I know
(Dr. Davis) living with him. I am glad to hear that there
is a good possibility of Julia finding some work that
may suit her & I much hope it may turn out a success.
I don't think I will add more. Will you send the enclosed
on for me. With love to you all.

Your affec. son.

Will.

The great excitement has been the battⁿ wh. is stationed here, going off to Quarkia & the reduction of the mess by 3 of its members. As those which remain are very few (the batt. being replaced by one with native officers only) it is possible the mess may fall thro, which is a pity as the room are very fairly good & it is central & convenient for officers of the Egyptian Army.

I shall probably stay here about a week longer, then go down to stay a few days with a fellow in the police stationed at one of the Sefi towns & afterwards take up my abode in Shephard till I go up the river. (with Cook)

At present I am trying to get a billet as Armonan, but I don't know if it will come to anything or I don't explain about it; but if I do it will be a good deal nicer & healthier than going up & down the river but not so afraid more lucrative.

Abdin Barraeks
Saturday evening.
26 Nov. '92

My dear Father.

Thanks for yours & Mother's letters of the 14th Nov: & the cheque for £5-5-0 enclosed. I have recd the money from Canney, so that we really squared our accounts & as I shall keep this last cheque & only use it if necessary. I'm glad to hear Jack will be home with you by now & able to stay over Xmas. I am sorry that Mr. Borchert will have to go so soon & also that Wiseman has not proved more profitable. I have had the B.M.F. all right. Thanks for writing about it. I am glad to see the local paper occasionally. I'm afraid there is not much chance of my getting anything to do till I go up the river, but at present I am living very fairly comfortably & reasonably in Barraeks here.

I'm glad to say I have a very good cabin on board the new steamer, light, fairly airy & room to make oneself fairly comfortable in, so that as far as I can see there will be nothing to complain of in that way & as the steamer is not finished they will fit it up pretty well as I like. There are a good many improvements in this steamer so that I think anyhow I did the right thing in putting my name for it. This morning I was round with Dr. Sandwith at Kasr el Aini Hospital an enormous number of cases, especially of the different varieties of parasitic disease which swarm here, unlimited intestinal worms of every variety. This aftⁿ I went to see one the new steamer & then met two nurses who are coming out to a private nursing home, one of them having been at S. I. Hospital with me. They had had a very bad passage out from England

Much worse than I had. The day before I went out to a curious place called Roubar les Bains near the palace where the Khedive lives to the N. of Cairo. It is on the very edge of the desert & the air is splendid. I think a good deal better than Helwan as it lies to the north & so gets the sweep of the prevailing wind before it blows over Cairo. It is out near there that most of the E.A. troops are quartered & where the military hospital, the lunatic asylum and other places are. An old school-fellow who was prefect of my dormitory once at W. Ho! is quartered out there & in command of a battery of Egyptian artillery.



L 54/122
26 Nov. 1892

I will ask Isabel about getting something for Rosie & you can tell them I will share any family 'kashook'. The money for these various affairs is still "in futuro" & must be deducted from my January L. & W. B. Div^d when rec^d on the strength of which probability Father will doubtless advance what is required.

I am going to dine at Shephard's to night with Dr. Leifer Power who is on "Rameses the Great" the boat I was on last year. The bad cabin is quite unaltered, but there were so few passengers that he had another. He had no sickness during the voyage at all, so I did better staying in Cairo!

I have just had a letter from the doctor at L. V. Hospital at Port Said. He has gone into partnership with the new doctor who took Dr. Robertson.

& so he won't want me to take his place when he goes away. He says the new matron has come out & is a nice motherly old lady & the nurses like her so it is a very good thing.

If Jack goes to Eit. it will be rather nice as I shall be able to pay him a visit on my way home in April. Will you send the enclosed on to Julia.

Has Mrs. D. good accounts of Mary? I have a letter in preparation for her for Xmas.

I must send this off with much love to all

From Will

It was rather curious spending the few days in a kind of Egyptian farm house, everything very nice & good, but of course up country style, living in a big central hall with kitchen, bedrooms, drawing room etc. ~~separated~~ out of it. Rifles in the walls, that in old days had been necessary for protection against brigands etc.

The machinery would have interested Harry, an enormous plant for crushing, boiling, separating & refining, which had cost altogether over £100,000. They are not in work now but the crushing begins very soon. At the time of year the whole Arab population goes about sucking "fossah" cane & the babies are smeared from head to foot with the juice.

I got back on Thursday & on Friday. I had a good ride

(211)

Z 54/123

Abdin Barakat
Cairo
Sunday, Dec 15-92

Dearest Mother

Many thanks for your & Father's of the 24th of Nov. I had by the same mail a good letter from Julia telling me all about her start & her visit to Chertsey, also a good letter from A.B. Blacker saying Anne was convalescent & staying at Warleigh, Lansdowne Road & Bournemouth, for some months. If you think of anyone nice living there who would call on her would you send them a line, I have written to Lady Muir. I did not care to trouble Lady Collier, but if you should hear of Blanche Hartley going down I'm sure she would look her up.

I think I wrote to you or Father last Sunday & the week here too seems to have flown very fast indeed.

I am still occupying Lj's room, as the mess is so small that they are glad to have an extra mouth & the simplicity of barrack room existence suits me a good deal better than the tourist-ridden haunts of shepherds with its long table & lots, bands & foreigners. I have had a run up the country as far as Moghaga, 100 miles south of Cairns, since writing.

Moghaga is one of the great Govt. sugar factory centres & some people of the name of Black are in charge. He has been over 40 years in the country having come out in Laird's pack train & seen the whole of Bmail & Tewfik's regions. I had had to doctor them once or twice when on the river & Mr. Black being very ill with fever they asked me to go up to see him. I only had an hour's notice, slipped a few things into a Gladstone bag, bolted some lunch & just caught the train.

There was only one 1st class carriage on the train so with a little back-sheesh I got a first class hammock & carriage which was empty & travelled up by myself, 5 hours & of course beauty duty. If it was not for the dust & flies etc., travelling would be nice enough to the country is lovely now, the Indian corn & millet just being out, the cotton stalks & a little cotton still standing & the sugar cane nearly ripe & looking like forest of pampas grass. I stayed that night, the whole of the next day & came back the 3rd morning. I meant to have been very dodgy & come back on a Loko's steamer but as it was a lovely moonlight night it ran past Moghaga & did not stop & so I had to come back by train. Mr. Black had been very bad, but had apparently had a sort of remission the day I arrived & improved pretty rapidly.

I thought I was doing nothing much \$10.00 would be fair
Monday Dec. 5. Our dinner was quite a success. I had
Brooke dining with me & as 3 or 4 old E.A. men turned
up we were a good number. On Sunday especially a good
many of the E.A. who are stationed a little way out of
Camp, are glad to dine in. This summer the mess had
an excellent fire place & built by the officer & it is
a great success & very cozy in the evenings.
Will you ask Jack if he would like me to send him
some cigarettes for James, if not give him 10¢ to get
anything with he likes. Will you ask David of the
would care for the line of Dante, Goethe, Saint Simon
& Leromates, of the "Foreign claims for English Readers & series
not published by Blackwood, they are 2/6 each, so if the
you not care for them she can't have the money.
Will you get for Julia "Blood & Breeding" by enclosing 1 1/2
to David Bryce & Sons. Glasgow.

2
4 Dec 1892

L 54/123

I went to tea at the Fenwick's at Abber-
-rych, their Jock was holding my
pony (Hydrantia) & I let it go.
Their horse is on the desert & it holds
off about two miles off across the
desert & was caught in the cavalry
stable. It seemed none the worse
at all, I was thankful to find,
for of course I was in an awful funk
but yesterday to my disgust the
vets reported it as lame & with a
swollen fetlock. I got stitching to
see it at once & today it seems
much better & the swelling has gone
down. I hope very much it may be
all right before G. gets back.
It was such luck for I had always
taken tremendous care about it
& Fenwick is one of the best horsemen
about here & so in his hands I
thought it was perfectly all right.
I have often said I would never use
a borrowed pony & I wish I had
stuck to the rule.

I am glad to hear Hughes was coming but with Graham
& I hope he may be fit to go back to the E.A. again.
The Bourkes join at Mosselle, they have been at
Mosselle for the last month I believe.
I said I hoped to go to Crossman perhaps, I have not
heard any more but Mr G. Cook comes down the
river today & I shall hope to find out something
from him. The English Medical Officer (E.A.) stationed
at Crossman has to have looked after my case at
the new floating hotel, is Mr Whiston (who was there)
is sent to Graham & they don't think he will be
replaced, so Cook may require some one. I would
be a great advantage to be fixed & a woman is about
the healthiest place on the river.

About 100 people came to Cairo
by the last mail, but up to now
there have been very few indeed &
very few on the river.

We are not dining here every night but
settle beforehand when we will &
generally ask a few fellows in. Tonight
Gallway the P.M.O. & others are coming.
I went to the Opera the other night
with the Johnsons & heard Rigobello
one of Verdi's & thought it very good
much better than the piece I heard
before. My cough is still not bad
but within 3 days again it was
pretty much the same as ever. It is
very disgusting to think that the sea
seems to be the place for me.

Tell Father I have not used any of his
cheques & as my voyage to Maghaza
brought me in a very welcome £8.8

so I shall hope to get on well.
I charged £10 for going to M. & expenses
were about £1-10.

Sandwith said he would not go under £25

They came out with Mr John A. Cook on Thursday 2 men.
straight on board their boat. They do not however go
up just yet. On Friday I took Miss Thomson's two
new nurses out to the Pyramids, it was rather brags
birthday, (the one who was at Knops Port said). We had
a great day, lunching in a little temple near the
Pyramids, they going up to the top of the Great Pyramid
while I smoked below. Afterward he went all over
the Mena Hotel & wound up with tea on our return
on board my last year's steamer. Ramesses the Great
which is now lying at Kaos el Nile ready to go up on
Tuesday. It Bentley had not yet arrived at Mena
& they said he came out on the 14th so I suppose the
same steamer as Graham. Mr John Cook has asked me
if I should care to go up in the "Ramesses" on Tuesday & see
how Mrs Black is getting on so I shall very likely go so

(271)

Abdin Barracks
Cairo
Sunday - 11/12/92
L 54/124

Dearest Mother.

Thanks for your long letter
of Nov: 30th. I am sorry to hear
the poor Davies have had fever,
it must be awful to see children
who have been bonnie in England
become white & wretched directly they
get to India. I have half a letter
ready for him which I shall hope
to get off soon. It is wretched too
to hear that Father has gone down
hill again, I really this spring, we
shall have to try if it is possible to
make a change of plans of some
kind - Don't wait till he gets more
& more seedy but try lodging even
at Shanklin for a little while &
see if it suits him.

Graham must have had a "rush"

indeed. Picking told me this morning that Gallway
the P.M. had heard from him & he wanted to go
off to Nyandja, ~~with~~ with Sompse, the expedition that
he sent there. It was written on board ship so
perhaps he met some one on board, who had put him
on to the idea, but I am surprised when he has such
such a good billet here. I know tho he always wanted
to get a look in at Central Africa & tried to go on
a shooting expedition when he was at Ponatini & was
not allowed, however Sompse I shall hear on Thursday.
Glad to hear Rosie has gone off to the fens, if she is
there still she might pay a call on the Gourlay's at
61. Queen's Gate & also they said they would be glad to
see Harry if word call, they would very likely take
him to a theatre or something of that kind & tell
him to go somewhere if he can do so

I have not done much this last week
& of course it makes a great difference
not having a going to ride & the
afternoon occasionally being rather
heavy. I also go some where in the
morning Kasr-el-aini Hospital, the
military hospital or to some museum,
generally stay in & write till about
4. Then pay calls or have a walk.
Yesterday I had to go to the funeral
of a very nice young fellow in the
Police called Singleton - He got
diphtheria up in some horrid little
town in the provinces with no one
to look after him, came down to
Cairo very bad, struggled thro' &
was convalescent only to die quite
suddenly from heart failure -
He had just come in to a large
sum of money too & so has going
to leave the police & go home wh.
makes it sadder. Last evening I
went to tea on the Berkeley's

2

11 Dec. 1892

L 54/124

going as far as amount & returning
by the homeward bound steamer on
Sunday (this day week). It will ~~cost~~
nearly a weeks expenses & of course
there is no doubt the river is healthier
than Cairo - The business out here is
gradually passing in to Mr Frank
Cook's hands - (J. M. Cooks eldest son)
He is a very nice fellow & I think
it would be very much better for all
concerned if Mr J. M. C. was to back
out altogether, he won't settle any-
thing himself & yet of course prevents
the others having a free hand.
Glad to hear Charlie Eliot has gone
to the Methuens, I hope you read him
a lecture about writing to them
occasionally, as they were a good deal
hurt at not hearing from him -
Glad to hear the Laurences are en-
joying Shanklin & Uncle P. keeping
pretty well, especially as I feel I
had a little to do with their going
there.

L 54/124

Sunday afternoon, 11/12/92

J. Sandwith has just come in & asked me to go up country again to see a friend of Prof. Szae on board his dahabeg et who is ill. It is rather curious getting there two runs up the river in this way. It is a great bore having 6 hours in the train but I shall try if possible to come down by steamer & think I can manage it. I shall go off at 8.45 tomorrow morning & get to Munich about 2.45 I believe. If I am lucky I ought to get a steamer to Asyout on Wednesday or Thursday & come down the river on Saturday or Sunday to Cairo.

I am enclosing an unused cheque
of £5-5-0 to Father as I'm sure I
shall not require it & he can pay
for my saddlery with it. (ofcourse
I know I might destroy it here, but he
can make a note of its return.)

I am occupying Spongs' rooms at present
as he has got a fireplace, which is
acceptable in the evening.

Will you ask Father to try & get for me
the II Vol of Green's "Practical Arabic
Grammar" Clarendon Press, Oxford
I have found that the "National Library"
is very good here & that one can
really refer to all the books about the
country there, yet it is hardly ever
used & in fact I did not know of it
before!

Love to Julia when you write & to
all at home.

Your loving son Will

Will manage some sort of Xmas presents
to Dia - I will subscribe.

The patient was a friend of his travelling together
I had only just come out from England, getting
ill as soon as he joined the dahabiyeh. I found
him pretty bad, saw it was a case for a nurse
brought to Cairo & got me up the next day from
Kaser el Amni Hospital & settled to stay with Prof. Sayce
till Mr. Robertson was better. We are the dahabiyehs
together, ^{the other} belonging to a Mr. Wilbore, an old Yankee
Egyptologist & an old acquaintance of mine. The
nurse is in charge day night & sleep on Mrs. Wilbore's
boat day & night. I take charge here in the day times
so we get on all right. I should be very jolly if I had
all my things, but George only brought up
enough for a few days. However, miles away from
I suppose I have a magnificent library at my
disposal & I may choose now to bathe to & have
process everything, as I am in clover. I am doubtful
whether I should have to take Mrs. R. back to Cairo
but I was able to settle to take him with me
with a good wind from the north we are pushing
along merrily & I am learning the mysteries of
dahabiyeh sailing. I expect I shall be wanted
here about another fortnight & if we
get near Louisa I hope to get on there
for some & pick up one of the Lowestoft steamers
which is due back in Cairo on Dec. Jan. 2nd
If I can do this I shall be ties content, but it
is always the unexpected which happens, especially
with a free lance like me, so that I am open
for anything. There is a tremendous breeze blowing
today so much so, that we cannot use the big sail
& are going along against the current
at quite a good pace with really nothing at all set.
This afternoon we hope to get to Tel el Beniama. The
place where Thiers Petrie was working all last year
& where he discovered the tomb & city of one of the

Dahabiyeh "Istar" No. 54/25
Between Minieh & Assiout
Dec. 18-1892

Dearest Mother.

You will see by a scrap of paper
in this lovely green envelope that I
did not expect to have time to add
more to you, but we could not post
this morning & so I am adding now.
I think I wrote last on the Sunday
just before leaving Cairo to come up
to Minieh to Prof. Sayce's dahabiyeh.
It was rather good of Pandurath putting
me on to it, as of course it means
about a fortnight's free of expense & a fee
of at least £20, which in the present
state of the exchequer is acceptable. The
only thing is that railway travelling is so
awful in this country on up of that &
heat that really in 8 hours of it requires
a good deal of compensation. It is curious
I should have come across Professor Sayce
(my friend Charles' friend) in this way. He is a
very charming man & tho' so learned, the most
simple, kind hearted, childlike fellow possible

kings of Egypt about whom very little was known before. This was Amenophis IV (son of my blue ring man). He married an oriental princess & changed the ~~old~~ religion of the Egyptians to her religion, this is to say to the worship of the sun's disc. For this sacrilege he was cursed by all future generations & his name erased wherever it occurred. His name is always cut out of lists of kings & everything built & done by him was destroyed. In fact it was very like Solomon & his strange wives. Prof. Joyce is going to take me over the tombs, if we have time, which will of course be delightful, especially as we don't stop here on the steamers.

I am so awfully glad to hear your up of Dio & Henry - Of course he should retire, rent a small cottage in the country & grow cabbages for market. It must be a long way from London & if he kept steady for 6 months he might combine with his Father & have the ~~the~~ benefit of his money - or possibly Mrs Kettle who knows them well might be willing to take them in. I should say however let him get interests of his own, a few chickens & a pig might work wonders. Also glad about Julia, she should certainly try her utmost to make it a success. I'm not in a writing mood, so must close. Please thank Susan for letter - With love to all
M. Kettle

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté.

هذا الوجه يتكرر العنوان فقط

اتحاد الپوسته العام
مصر
تذكرة پوسته

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A Sir Thomas Longmore
The Paddock
Woolstone
Southampton
England.

Abdn Barracks. 3/1/93.

I sent off a letter to Rosie
this m^y early to catch the
Brindisi mail as I don't sup-
-pose you will get this till
some few days after. L. 54/126

Graham has just given me
the socks & I like them very
much & should like 6 pairs
Mother knows the size. Graham
would like 12 pairs full size
& they might as well be marked
for him! Also would you
order for me "Bellou's French English
Pocket Dictionary" or let me have
your copy on loan.

Just been trying to get my things
together from the Steamer, from
Cook's & from George's room, rather
a fatiguing & irritating process.
I have a good deal to do this week
to get ready for the river next week.

2

the last year or two has been so full of losses to them & it seems to me such a short time ago since the two at Bideford made a very bright household.

I am glad to hear Frank's def. is better. I was afraid he might have a bad time of it, after his previous illness. I am glad to hear you have been able to walk as far as the Morris' & back & hope the inflammation may gradually go off now; I wish you could get on under more pleasant circumstances than frost & damp permits of.

It has been a very warm season here as yet but today the weather has broken & we have had a bitter cold wind & several hours rainy weather reduces the streets to a state of horrid slush on account of the absence of any kind of drainage. Yesterday however I was out at my wife's driving, with Graham in his tandem & riding in the afternoon.

Aldin Barracks
Cairo E. 34/2
Sunday night 3/1/93.

My dear Father.

I thank you for yours of the 28th. It is very sad news about poor Dr. Godwin's death, it is so very sudden & he seemed such a strong man that it makes it seem all the more sad & hard to credit. I hope Charlie will get his Cadetship for of course they must now be left in very different circumstances to what they had been used to.

It is wonderful that Dr. Maclean should be able to take the long journey to Bideford & back in such weather & not be worse for it, I'm glad to gather from this being able to do so that the stone trouble has not come on again so from what you said just before I left I rather feared a recurrence. Of course I remember the old lady very well as she was a prominent member of the household at Orchard Hill in Westward Ho! Day. It must be very sad for the Macleans

I was lunching with the Rogers today, rather a jolly lunch as the Fenwicks & other people I like were there. The Rogers have a very beautiful house & he is a very artistic man paints well himself & has picked up nice things in all parts of the world. Amongst other things he was talking to me of 3 large packing cases of horns which he sent to Netley when he came home from India in 1844. They were sent to Dobson & he got a receipt from him for them. They were sent with the understanding that they could be put in the museum & could be mounted at his (Rogers) expense until such time as he should require them - a few years ago he applied for them & they could not be found anywhere & no one knew anything of them - I saw the photographs of the trophies & there were splendid heads of buffalo, sambar & deer, several of which I should be able to recognise. Dr. Beattie & Dr. Davies both made

inquiries & could not hear anything of them. I thought perhaps if you put Mr. Borchert on the scent he might possibly be able to hear something of them. It seems an awful shame as he says that he should send them to his own head quarters as it were & they should disappear. I thought any time when you next saw Mr. B. you might confer with him on the subject.

It is very nice ~~to~~ being here with Pinching, Graham, Myers & Spang, all nice fellows in their different ways, one sees the bright side of the A.M.S. & feels regrets sometimes that one had not similar chances, instead of being 'Cook's boy'. However I must not complain as I'm well & having a good time. - With love, your affecⁿ son. Will.

arranged a tea party on board
for the same hour which has to
fall thro'. Spang has gone off to
the provinces, Graham goes off on
Tuesday when I start too. Poor
Myler is not well enough to go back
to the E.A. I hope to come to Nelly
when he goes home. Pinching is
going into Roger's sanitary service
with a very good billet, of course
all the good men drift out of the
M.S. into other affairs. I must
go to bed & hope to continue
this scribble in tomorrow -
I have just sent off a book to you for a
Xmas present, a parcel of photos
to be sent to J. Pollard too.
& a skin of a High Down, White
gazelle for Charlie. Herts.
The Arab band is playing "Ring the bells
Watchman" & making the most frantic
row outside. I'm in the middle of
packing up & so is Graham.
Will write soon.
Love to all from Will

Indulge
this in
it
at once please
R.L.

L 54/128
At Din Barracks
Sunday night.
8/1/92.

1893

Dearest Mother.

Thanks for your letter & Dia's
Poor thing, I'm glad she likes her
brother's wife, I believe she is a
lady. I suppose it would not do
to ask her to occupy Julia's room
for a bit. Won't those rooms do
for 'arry, if Julia stays permanently
& he starts boiler-making next
summer, it would be delightful for
him to be with Mrs. Parker.
Charlie's see dinner must have looked
very like S.F. but I hope he is all
right by now. Please tell him the
holly & mistletoe came capitally,
tho' I only got it a little while ago,
the holly is now in a beautiful
brass jug in Graham's room next
to black mummy's head with a figure
when I leave it is
going down to the
nurses home to be
hung up in a place of
honor.



Please tell Charlie also I meant to have written him a letter with one to Charlotte Stevens which I began but did not finish. I shall try & do so soon, ask Charlie to tell Charlotte I'm sorry to hear she has had a cold but hope she has enjoyed the parties. Dr Bentley, the nice little boy's papa has been ill & Mena & Graham & I were going to ride out to see him today but the ponies had a lot of work to do yesterday & also today it has been too cold. Graham is teaching them to go in a tandem & it is great fun.



Luckily it is a very old cart hired from a French man, with no cushions or anything, so it does not matter if they knock it to pieces. Really the they go capitally. Laracen, the pony I ride, is leader & braver in wheel & I think they are going to

win a driving prize when they are properly broken in & the new cart comes out.

I have had a week of shopping & calling & have spent more money than I ought to have done, fitting up my cabin etc, things however are awfully dear in Cairo.

Today is the anniversary of the Khedive's accession & all Cairo is decorated with flags & lanterns & all the consuls & ministers have been driving about in ~~quadruplets~~ uniforms. The troops were all reviewed at 5.30 a.m. by the Cirdar before he started on his annual expedition inspecting up the river, both officers & men were shaved to death & after the levee at 8 a.m. all the English officers turned in to their mess for hot coffee of which they were very glad.

I missed the Khedive inspecting the new steamer & unfortunately I had

SHEPHEARD'S HOTEL

PH. ZECH

✱

a better letter soon
Cairo,

L 54/129

16/1/1893.

Dearest Mother

I have long letter in preparation to Charlie which I intended to get off tonight, but have not quite finished it & now the post is just going out. I got in to Cairo p. Arriving at 4.0. yesterday afternoon all right. Had supper with the nurses at Mrs Thompson's & today have been very busy getting ready on the new boat, off tomorrow again at 10.0. Cabin very comfortable & all right.

Tell Father will send cutting to Freda fori - great excitement here as the Khedive has nominated a new ministry in opposition to Lord Cromer & no one knows what will occur, I only pray Lord Rosebery will stand firm on all this ten years good work here will be upset in a few days. No special news. Hope the party went off well & you were all not too tired - Father's & Mother's better.
Much love to you all p. Will.

Am sleeping here tonight in King's pro's room, very tired
after unpacking & going all thro' medicines & chopping.

W.

MESSRS. THOS. COOK AND SON'S
NEW STEAMER RAMESES III. L 54/131

The *Rameses III*, the latest addition to Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son's Nile fleet, has not only been built at the firm's arsenal at Boolak but has been specially designed and the whole construction carried out by Mr. Thabron, superintending engineer of the firm.

Although the other boats of the fleet are described by passengers as being the most perfect boats afloat still the *Rameses III* has a number of new features and improvements, especially in the style of construction. She is 200 feet long, 42 feet beam over all, 10 feet moulded, her draught is 2 feet 6 inches with 60 tons of coal on board, and, like all her predecessors, she has three decks. The engines are of the diagonal triple expansion type, steel boilers of the loco. type for a working pressure of 150 lbs. per square inch. The vessel is lighted throughout by electricity, the dynamo by Orompton driven by a Ohandler silent engine, she is also fitted with chambers for carrying frozen provisions, the refrigerating machinery being by Messrs. Haslam of Derby; besides these auxiliary machines there are steam steering engine, steam capstan, and direct driven circulating pumps. Indicated Horse power 500.

The cabins on the lower deck are most sumptuously fitted and have every comfort and accommodation for invalids. On the main and upper decks are a considerable number of single cabins and, like all the steamers of Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son's fleet, no room has more than two beds in it.

The dining saloon is very lofty and spacious with ample room for the full number of passengers, viz., 70. On the upper deck is a very large saloon for ladies with a library of Egyptian and other books, and her upper deck is so constructed as to form a very fine promenade and to give a large space in the centre for dancing, music and other entertainments. The woodwork throughout is of the best possible description, and everything that can be thought of has been provided for the comfort and pleasure of the tourists who will patronize her.

She was advertised in August last to make her first voyage from Cairo on January 17th and she will leave on that date with every berth occupied. Mr. John M. Cook will accompany her to Assouan and back.

His Highness the Khedive has kindly promised to honour the firm by a private inspection of the boat to-day, after which she will be open to the inspection of any one interested in the improved navigation of the Nile.

The *Rameses III* has been entirely constructed at the firm's arsenal at Boolak and, during construction, no less than 40,698 days of Arab labour have been employed, each department being under the supervision of European foremen so that the native Egyptians again receive a considerable sum of money from Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son for work they have proved themselves able to carry out to the satisfaction of the firm.

Orient Line of Roy

OUTWARDS to AUSTRALIA (in about
B.M.S. OPHIR will leave Suez

" ORIZABA " "

HOMEWARDS to NAPLES (3½ days), G
days), LONDON T

B.M.S. ORUZ will leave Port-S
OROTAVA " "

N.B.—Homeward steamers are sometimes before

(Suez to Australia 1st C

Port-Said to Naples "

FARES : 4 " " Gibraltar "

" " Plymouth or Tilbury "

(Passengers are embarked at Ismailia free

No homeward return tickets issued. Passenger
months after landing obtain an abatement of 20 per c
Agents in Cairo :—THOMAS COOK & SON.

" " Alexandria :—R. J. Moss & Co.

For all further information

WM. STAPLEDON and Sons, P

ADMINIST

DES

PAQUEBOTS - POS

ACCELERATED SERVICE WI

Departure from ALEXANDRIA every Wedn

Arrival at PIRÆUS in 37 hours, SMYRNA 64

Return from CONSTANTINOPLE, every Wedn

Arrivals at SMYRNA in 24 hours, PIRÆUS 44

SYRIAN

Departure from ALEXANDRIA every Thurs

TRIPOLI, MERSINA and ALEXANDRETTA. T

voyage.

Arrivals at ALEXANDRIA every Saturday mo

Passengers may break the journey at any interm

The cabin fares include table with wine (vin de ta

These steamers are commanded by European offic

RED SEA

Fortnightly departure from SUEZ every alter

EDDAH, SUAKIN, MASSAWAH, HODEIDAH

Arrivals at SUEZ every alternate Tuesday from

Passengers may break the journey at any in

Thos. Cook

CAIRO, near SHEPHEARD'S HOTEL.

ALEXANDRIA, " PLACE MOHAMET ALY

PORT SAID, " CONTINENTAL HOTEL,

ISMAILIA, " HOTEL VICTORIA.

SOLE CONTRACTORS to the EGYPTIAN GO
between UPPER and LOWER EGYPT.

SOLE CONTRACTORS to the BRITISH GO
Troops, Stores, &c.

SOLE AGENTS to the ROYAL BRITISH COM
and officially appointed AGENTS to the CHIC
parts of Europe &c.

SOLE OWNERS of the NEW FIRST CLASS
SOLE OWNERS of NEW DAHABEAHS rec
every improvement to ensure fast sailing, luxurio
Special facilities offered for TOURS in PALM
BAGDAD and SINAITIC DESERT.

Officially Appointed and SOLE AG

Cook's Nile Service



P.S. "RAMESES III."

Cook's Nile Service



P.S. "RAMESES III."

LIST OF PASSENGERS per P.S. "RAMESES III" LEAVING CAIRO, 17th JANUARY 1893.

1. Mr. G. A. Pope
2. Mrs. Pope
31. Mr. R. A. Mc Andrew
32. Mrs. Mc Andrew
33. Miss Mc Andrew
34. Miss Mc Andrew
35. Mr. J. J. Mc Andrew
36. Mrs. J. J. Mc Andrew
37. Mr. W. N. Hallgarten
38. Courier
39. Mr. W. Fowler
40. Mrs. Fowler
41. Mr. L. Pelly
42. Mrs. Pelly
43. Miss C. J. Fowler
44. Miss E. R. Fowler
45. Maid
46. Mrs. R. H. Barrington
47. Miss Barrington
48. Mr. H. C. Fahnestock
49. Mrs. Fahnestock
50. Miss Helen Fahnestock
51. Miss A. Meadows
52. Miss E. Meadows
53. Dr. Wendelstadt
54. Dr. Von Sandt
55. Mr. E. S. Cox
56. Mrs. Cox
57. Miss E. S. Cox
58. Miss G. Hughes
59. Miss M. J. Ross
60. Miss A. M. James
61. Col. Needham
62. Mrs. Needham
63. Miss Needham

36. Maid
37. Mr. Anderson—67
38. Mrs. Anderson
39. Miss White—70
40. Mr. Haddon
41. Maid—14
42. Mr. A. Priestly
43. Mr. B. Borie—4
44. Mrs. Borie
45. Miss E. Borie—6
46. Master R. Borie—18
47. Maid
48. Marquis de la Mina
49. Senor D. A. Lopateque—30
50. Mr. A. Tatham
51. Miss L. E. Cobb—61
52. Mr. H. E. Cobb
53. Mr. M. E. Cobb—66
54. Miss Meek
55. Miss Meek—17
56. Mr. Louis Kniffler
57. Mr. Gibson Fahnestock—49
58. Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock
59. Mr. J. J. Borie—8
60. Mr. A. Mentzendorff
61. Mrs. Mentzendorff—19
62. Miss E. Mentzendorff
63. Miss N. Mentzendorff—21
64. Mdme. Gabiot
65. Mr. Deutsch—10
66. Mrs. Deutsch
67. Mr. J. Gardner Sykes—9
68. Doctor C. J. W. Francken
69. Mrs. Frank Kellogg—39
70. Miss Kellogg

L. 54/130

Doctor Mr. W. Longmore

Le Ramesès III.

2.54/132

LE NOUVEAU VAPEUR DE MM. THOS. COOK & SON.

Le *Ramesès III*, le dernier vapeur de la flotte du Nil de MM. Thos. Cook & Son, a non seulement été construit à l'arsenal de la maison à Boulac, mais il a encore été l'objet de plans et devis spéciaux établis M. Thubron, l'ingénieur de la maison, qui en a exécuté toute la construction.

Les autres bateaux de la flotte ont été décrits comme les plus parfaits qui existent pour le service auquel ils sont destinés ; cependant, le *Ramesès III* a un certain nombre de nouveaux détails et de nouvelles améliorations, surtout en ce qui concerne la construction. Sa longueur est de 200 pieds, sa largeur de 42 ; son tirant d'eau est de 2 pieds 6 pouces avec 60 tonnes de charbon à bord, et, comme tous ses prédécesseurs, il a trois ponts. Les machines sont à triple expansion diagonale, avec chaudières en acier pouvant fournir une pression de 150 lbs. par pouce carré. Le navire est entièrement éclairé à l'électricité, avec dynamo fabriqué par Crompton et mu par une machine silencieuse de Chandler. Il est aussi pourvu de chambres réfrigérantes pour transporter des provisions en état de congélation ; les machines réfrigérantes ont été fabriquées par MM. Haslam de Derby ; outre ces machines auxiliaires il y en a une pour gouverner à la vapeur, un cabestan à vapeur, etc.

Les cabines établies sur le pont inférieur sont somptueusement aménagées et ont toutes le confort nécessaire aux malades. Sur le pont du milieu et le pont supérieur il existe un nombre considérable de cabines à une place et comme dans tous les vapeurs de MM. Thomas Cook & Son, aucune cabine ne contient plus de deux lits.

La salle à manger est haute et spacieuse et peut contenir amplement le nombre complet de passagers, soit 70. Sur le pont supérieur se trouve un très grand salon pour dames avec une bibliothèque de livres sur l'Egypte et autres, et ce pont est construit de manière à former une magnifique promenade avec une grande place au centre pour danser, pour concerts et autres amusements. Les boiseries sont du genre le meilleur et tout ce à quoi on a pu penser a été fourni pour le confort et le plaisir des touristes qui y prendront passage.

Il a été annoncé dès le mois d'août dernier, que ce navire partirait du Caire pour faire son premier voyage le 17 janvier, il partira en effet à cette même date, avec toutes ses places occupées. M. John M. Cook l'accompagnera à Assouan et au retour.

Son Altesse le Khédive a daigné promettre de faire à la maison l'honneur d'inspecter ce navire aujourd'hui ; il pourra ensuite être visité par tous ceux qui s'intéressent à l'amélioration de la navigation sur le Nil.

Le *Ramesès III* a été entièrement construit à l'arsenal de Boulac ; il a été employé à sa construction 40,698 journées de travail indigène ; chacune des équipes était placée sous la surveillance de chefs d'atelier européens, ce qui fait que les indigènes ont encore reçu de MM. Thos. Cook & Son une somme d'argent considérable pour un travail qu'ils ont exécuté à la satisfaction de la maison Cook.

l'arabe écrit ordinaire avec une incroyable rapidité, juste comme le font les rédacteurs de journaux égyptiens aujourd'hui, mais qu'il lui fallait du temps pour écrire l'arabe parlé. Il me donnait pour raison de ce fait, qu'il n'y a guère qu'une douzaine d'hommes en Egypte qui puissent être pris pour juges véritables et réels de l'arabe classique, et que tout passe pour de l'arabe classique pourvu qu'on prenne le soin d'éviter tout mot familier et de produire de temps en temps un vieux mot bien morose; au contraire la nation tout entière est juge de l'arabe parlé et s'il écrivait quoique ce soit de faible ou d'incorrect, le dernier des vendeurs de pain du Caire saurait qu'il a fait une erreur.

Si un Egyptien se consacre entièrement à l'étude de la langue classique, il devient un parfait lettré arabe, mais le temps lui manque pour apprendre les sciences physiques. Les Egyptiens qui écrivent sur les sciences (physiques ne consultent jamais leur littérature ancienne; ils apprennent le français et le traduisent ensuite en arabe charabia. Leurs livres n'ont jamais engendré un seul savant. Or je prétends que si les sciences doivent être comprises par les Egyptiens, ce ne peut être qu'au moyen de livres écrits dans leur langue parlée et dans ce style familier qui est particulier à tous les livres de science de notre époque. On pourra dire que les Egyptiens comprennent la science quand commencera en Egypte une ère de littérature originale, d'idées originales et d'inventeurs de machines et d'appareils mécaniques, comme il en existait ici entre les années 950 et 1250 de l'ère chrétienne, quand le Caire était un grand centre intellectuel et l'admiration de l'Europe.

Les Egyptiens d'aujourd'hui, à l'esprit actif, passent leur temps à apprendre et à étudier certains sujets pendant de longues années; ils reproduisent ensuite leurs idées dans une langue tellement classique qu'il n'y a pas trois hommes dans le pays, en dehors d'eux, qui puissent comprendre ce qu'ils ont écrit. Tout ce talent et toute cette intelligence qui brillèrent d'un si vif éclat pendant 300 ans sont enfouis dans une masse de préjugés qui portent les Egyptiens à mépriser leur propre langue parlée et à l'appeler vulgaire, qui les obligent à avoir recours à une langue européenne quelconque quand ils veulent s'exprimer et qui font qu'ils essaient d'oublier chaque mot de leur propre langue quand il posent la plume sur le papier.

J'allais l'autre jour du Caire à Hélonan et me trouvais en compagnie de quatre écoliers; je donnai à lire à l'un d'eux un dialogue de l'"Ustaz." Ce dialogue avait lieu entre deux Egyptiens dans leur langue parlée. L'écolier en lut rapidement quatre ou cinq lignes; lorsque je lui demandai s'il en avait compris le sens, il me répondit que non; qu'il comprenait rarement ce qu'il lisait.

Je lui demandai de recommencer lentement, mot par mot. Il comprit bien vite; les trois autres dressèrent les oreilles et tous les quatre se mirent ensemble à lire le livre avec un intérêt et un plaisir qui me firent venir les larmes aux yeux en pensant à l'immense satisfaction dont ils étaient privés et de la façon dont leur activité mentale était rapetissée parce qu'ils n'avaient pas de littérature vivante.

Il ne se passera pas longtemps avant que tous les enfants d'Egypte commencent à recevoir de l'instruction. Les facultés intellectuelles de 2.000.000 de gens doivent-elles être rapetissées

MESSRS. THOMAS COOK & SON'S
NEW STEAMER "RAMESES III."

In our issue of January 14th, we gave a brief account of an at home held by Messrs. Cook and Son on their new steamer on Friday, but the occasion was so unique that we feel we are justified in giving a little more prominence to the interesting event and also reporting more fully the names of the distinguished ladies and gentlemen, who honoured Messrs. Cook & Son with an inspection of their new steamer on both Friday and Saturday of last week.

The interest taken in the steamer in question is a further proof of the personal popularity of the firm in Egypt and of the manner in which the great work they are carrying out is appreciated by His Highness the Khedive, the Ministry and all who are interested in the progress of Egypt.

As before reported the *Rameses III* is one of the most perfect river steamers afloat and she has not only been constructed but designed in Egypt and is therefore one of the finest examples of what can be carried out by Egyptians, under English and European supervision.

After the private inspection on Monday last by His Highness the Khedive, Messrs. Cook and Son issued cards of invitation to at homes on Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Unfortunately, Mr. John M. Cook was prevented by indisposition from attending on either days but the honors were performed by his eldest son, Mr. F. H. Cook, and he had the pleasure of receiving and showing over the steamer amongst others, Lord and Lady Cromer, H. E. Ghazi Moukhtar Pasha, Count Von Layden, Consul General for Germany, Count Von Landberg, Consul General for Sweden and Norway and the Countess von Landberg, Mr. Leon Maaskens, Consul General for Belgium, and the Consuls of the chief Powers. The Egyptian Government was represented by Their Excellencies Abderrahman Pasha Roushdi, Minister of Finance, Tigrane Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mohamed Zeki Pasha, Minister and Yacoub Artin Pasha Under Secretary of State of Public Instruction, Halson Pasha and Boghos Nubar Pasha of the Railway Administration, Saba Pasha, Postmaster General, Rogers Pasha and Mrs. Rogers, Coles Pasha and Mrs. Coles, Fenwick Pasha and Mrs. Fenwick, Harrington Bey and Mrs. Harrington, Bewley Bey and Mrs. Bewley. There were large numbers of the chief natives and officials of the various departments of the Government, amongst whom we noticed Dr. Hassan Pasha Mahmood, Idris Bey Ragheb, Gallini Bey Fahmy, Bahri Bey, Ferid Bey Babazoghli, el Cheikh Abdelkerim Naib Kadi, Ahmed Bey Heebmat, Cheikh Mohamed Rashid; we also noticed S. G. Mgr. Ignace, Vicar of the Greek Orthodox Church. The Egyptian Army was represented by Rundle Pasha and Mrs. Rundle, Major and Mrs. Wingate, Major Jackson Bey, Capt. and Mrs. Gordon, and the Army of Occupation by Lieut. Col. Fhibbe, Lieut. Col. Banister, Major Kemble, Major and Mrs. Piercy, Captain Phipps and most of the officers of the Dorset and South Wales Borderers, the two Regiments stationed in Cairo. The official English and European residents were well represented by most of the ladies and gentlemen resident in Cairo and a very considerable number of the Visitors to Cairo, many of them coming to see the rooms they had secured on the steamer months before leaving Europe. It is calculated that at least 1,200 visitors honoured Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son during the two hours of thereception on the two days and bearing in mind that there were counter attractions at Gezireh on both days, Messrs. Cook and Son may well feel that their enterprise is fully appreciated by all classes of society in Egypt.

We are glad to learn that Mr. John M. Cook, is able to "personally conduct" the *Rameses III* on her first voyage. She left Cairo according to the announcements of the firm at 10 a.m. this morning, with every berth occupied:

The following is the list of passengers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pope, Mr., Mrs. and Misses R. A. McAndrew, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McAndrew, Mr. W. N. Hallgarten and courier, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Polly, Misses O. J. and E. R. Fowler and maid, Mrs. and Miss R. H. Barrington, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Fahnestock, Miss Helen Fahnestock, Misses A. and E. Meadows, Dr. Wendelstadt, Dr. Von Sandt, Mr., Mrs. and Miss E. S. Cox, Miss G. Hughes, Miss M. J. Ross, Miss A. M. James, Col. Needham, Mrs. and Miss Needham and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Miss White, Mr. Haddon and maid, Mr. A. Priestly, Mr., Mrs. and Miss B. Borie and maid, Marquis de la Mina, Senor D. A. Lopateque, Mr. A. Tatham, Miss L. E. Cobb, Mr. H. E. Cobb, Mr. M. E. Cobb, Misses Meek, Mr. Louis Kniffer, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock, Mr. J. J. Borie, Mr., Mrs. and Misses A. Mentzen-dorff, Mrs. Gabiot, Mr. and Mrs. Deutsch, Mr. J. Gardner Sykes, Doctor O. J. W. Francken, Mrs. and Miss Frank Kellogg.

Power in use.
D. DRUMMOND & SON. Locomotives, Carriages,
and every description of Railway Mater
A. & J. STEWART & CLYDESDALE LIMITED.
Wrought Iron Gas Water and Steam T
Lapwelded Iron and Steel Tubes for all
JILLEY & MACLELLAN. Light Draft River Stea
"Westinghouse" Automatic High spee
Steam steering Engines and Steam, W

LETTERS P.O. Box No. 152.

10,21



0602-106 3

Se

10170

KINAHAN'S
LL
&
GLENISLE
WHISKIES

THE PRIZE

KINAHAN

The Cre
Pure, Mild and
Gold

KINAHAN
THE FINE

KINAHAN
GUILDFORD

JOSEPH
36, ST. MAR

G. PARVIS

CAIRO

EGITTO.



Salutaris Water

Guaranteed to be simply
PURE DISTILLED WATER
(Prepared by Special Process)
Aerated

With Carbon Oxygen Gas CO₂

The only Safe Water

Greatly recommended by the Medical Profession

TWO DROPS
OF
WATER



MICROSCOPE.

UNDER
THE

Made only by the
Salutaris Water Company,
LONDON.

SOLE AGENT IN EGYPT,

AT
CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA,

J. E. MORTIMER & Co.,

Vine Merchants and Army Contractors.
10381-24793



L. 54/134

Rameses III.
Assiout
20/1/93

My dear Father

I have just got your letter
of the 12th & the Dictionary, for both
of which thanks, the book is all right.
I suppose the 2nd edition of "Green's
Arabic grammar" has not appeared.
I am so awfully sorry to hear that
the cough & consequently the night tuss
have been such a trouble to you.

It must be terribly trying & it does
seem dreadful to hear of you all with
cough & colds & malades. It was
odd too Charlie getting chicken pox
so very soon afterwards.

I am writing in the morning of the
21st just before starting so I was so
busy last night I was not able to
get the usual letter written after
receiving yours. We have a full
ship of 40 passengers & a very

The enclosed may amuse Charlie.

nicer set indeed. Last night I
had to get up a dance, ask the
people from the "Kauaians" which
was in & the few people living at
Aniwa & elsewhere about 1000
several people required my services
& I had to be here, there & everywhere.
Mr J. M. Cook is on board & that
keeps everything very busy - Kanaga
is a nice fellow, but all hands
are new & it is difficult to get
things done as I should like.

I have several patients but nothing
serious & there has been very little
sickness out here this year.

I am very well myself having a
slight cold caught I do not know how
but not bad at all.

Graham did not tell me details
about the socks.

The coat was all right.

Yes the bill for the saddlebag was for
me & the price correct.

I have not heard from Jack but it
is pleasant enough going to Git.
just now & the Stevens & other
friends will make it pleasant.
If seconded for A. Corps, I suppose
he will be home again soon.
It is shocking about Nelly, quite
disgraceful! I knew Hages would
be an element of discord & so
did Rogers here - to make men
like St. Natter drill under Hages
is outrageous.

I had a good letter fr. Julia this
mail.

The great ministerial crisis is ^{James}
the topic of conversation here & I am
thankful it has gone off well.

I must close as I have many
things to do & will write more
fully in a day or two.

With very much love to you all.

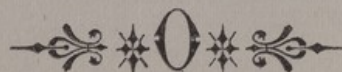
Yours loving son.

Will.

LUXOR HOTEL CONCERT

TUESDAY 24 January 8. 30 P. M.

L 54/135



FIRST PART

- [1] Pianoforte Solo Miss Donaldson Hudson
- [2] Song „ „ Mrs. Smyth-Pigott
- [3] Violin Solo General Stephens
accompanied by the Hon. Mrs. Bourke
- [4] Song „ „ Mr. C. Hoare
- [5] Pianoforte Solo Miss N. Bourke
- [6] Song with Violin Madame Pagnon
and
General Stephens

SECOND PART

- (1) Song Mr. C. Hoare
- (2) Violin Solo General Stephens
accompanied by the Hon. Mr. Bourke
- (3) Song Mrs. Rochfort-Boyd
- (4) Pianoforte Solo Miss N. Bourke
- (5) Song with Violin Madame Pagnon
and
General Stephens

God Save the Queen

Price of admission 2 sh. each Programmes 2 Piasters
IN AID OF THE FUND TO PURCHASE THE CHURCH HARMONIUM

Luxor

T 54 / 150

25/1/93.

Dearest Mother

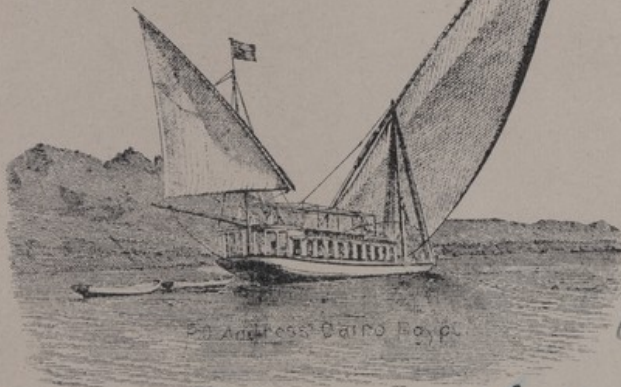
I must send you a line with Isabel, tho I seem to have little or nothing to add. I am so sorry for your attack of almost bronchitis, but hope by now it is better. It was queer (Charlie getting the chicken pox so long afterwards). How Jack must have enjoyed the party & it was very nice his being able to be home for it. I have just seen that the 2nd South Lancs - are ordered here & I wonder if the East can have been sent straight on from Gibraltar. I think it will be a misprint in the telegram. It will be jolly if it is so. There is a very nice Col. & Mrs. & Miss Needham on board, but I have not liked to ask if he was related to Capt. N. as I believe his family history is peculiar. He was out last year with Lord Waterford, also known as one of the leaders of the cavalry who rode from Tel-el-Kher to Cairo after the battle.

I don't know if
Dr. Martin
likes P. C.
Do send this
by on 5/2-
hard if you
like to do so

In the concert programme which I enclose you
will see the Bourkes figuring, they are here &
rather making the most - always pleasant to me
but not in any way beholden! Miss Nora¹³
is an extremely pretty girl & has almost the
belle of Cairo? Another reason I think for
their liking to be out here. Luxor is doubled
in size, a large church built & the pretty old
palm garden largely destroyed. Electric
light & Italian waiters have to my mind
largely destroyed the romance of the place
but doubtless when all is settled & when it will
be much improved. Dr. Leigh Canney is not
doing much work & Dr. Zaidan the disagreeable
man who has turned out last year has come
back & settled down in a house of his own!
When Father's cough is like that, I should
think 15 drops of chloroform & 15 drops of
oil of eucalyptus dropped on to ~~the~~ boiling
water & inhaled (not too close to the mouth)
would be a good thing, it always does me
great good. I seem to have very few friends here
this year & so many people are staying at
Aouân, that I am going to examine that place
critically to see if I could arrange anything
for next year. If Canney gets on well here, he
quite intends to stay, but I do not think he
will do so. It is blowing very hard today & his
staying quiet, it is a comfort to have a room
one can sit in comfortably & write etc.
The cold I had last week has gone & I am
very well. This seems a silly letter, but I
don't find anything particular to say.
With love to you all. Your loving son Will

L 54/137

Dahabeeyeh



Seven Hathors

Dear Dr. Longmore

If you are to remain
I shall be happy to have you

And will you also be so kind, as to give
Miss Stephens, who is on Romney III, the
note addressed to her, and sent with this,
With our kind regards, I am yours
very truly,

Charlotte B. Welborn

Cook's Nile Service



P.S. "Rameses the Great"

Cook's Nile Service



P.S. "Rameses the Great"

LIST of PASSENGERS per P. S. "RAMESES THE GREAT"

LEAVING CAIRO, 23rd FEBRUARY 1892.

L. 54/138

Doctor Mr. T. W. M. Longmore

1. Mr. S. Thomas
2. Mrs. Thomas
3. Mr. G. H. Smith
4. Mrs. Smith
5. Miss Smith
6. Mr. H. S. Webster
7. Mrs. Webster
8. Mr. Edouard Sens
9. Mrs. Edouard Sens
10. Miss Sens
11. Mr. T. Chofecki
12. Mrs. F. H. Slade
13. Miss M. Slade
14. Mr. F. L. Slade
15. Master W. Slade
16. Miss G. Gingrich
17. Mr. W. S. Gilbert
18. Mrs. Gilbert
19. Maid
20. Mr. F. B. Hubbell
21. Rev. J. P. Lewis
22. Mr. Merton
23. Mrs. Merton
24. Maid
25. Mr. C. Tunncliffe
26. Mr. Wallace
27. Mrs. Wallace
28. Mr. Eckersley
29. Mr. F. E. Eckersley
30. Mr. W. H. Ramsden
31. Mr. H. Kirkpatrick
32. Mr. J. H. Coit
33. Mr. J. Knox Tibbett
34. Col. von Thumen
35. Mrs. von Thumen
36. Mr. Lee
37. Mr. R. Clough

38. Miss Clough
39. Miss Clough
40. Miss Cleveland
41. Mrs. Simpson
42. Mr. A. T. Layton
43. Mr. J. Layton
44. Miss Hill
45. Miss L. Hill
46. Maid
47. Count Gizycki
48. Mr. Theodor Hammerle
49. Mrs. Hammerle
50. Mr. S. Morris
51. Mr. A. S. Munns
52. Mr. Clarke
53. Mr. Chas. Clarke
54. Mr. Harvey Clarke
55. Miss Agnes Clarke
56. Miss Ellen Clarke
57. Miss Adela Clarke
58. Mr. Wilkinson
59. Mrs. Wilkinson
60. Mr. Mortimer Harris
61. Mr. Love
62. Mrs. Love
63. Mr. J. G. Robinson
64. Mrs. Robinson
65. Mr. J. R. Mc Cune
66. Mr. Bentley
67. Mrs. Bentley
68. Mr. Alex. Cross
69. Master Cross
70. Master Cross
71. Mr. Byrne
72. Mrs. Byrne
73. M. Michau
74. M^{me} Michau

Manager Mr. F. Baglioni

Cook's Nile Service



P. S. "Rameses the Great"

Cook's Nile Service



P. S. "Rameses the Great"

L 54/139

LIST OF PASSENGERS per P.S. "RAMESES THE GREAT"

LEAVING CAIRO, 2nd FEBRUARY 1892.

- Mr. T. W. M. Longmore — Doctor.
1. Mr. Boardman
 2. Mrs. Boardman
 3. Miss F. Boardman
 4. Miss M. Boardman
 5. Mr. W. W. Phelps
 6. Manservant
 7. Mr. Pilkington
 8. Mr. Pilkington jun.
 9. Miss Pilkington
 10. Miss Pilkington
 11. Miss Pilkington
 12. Maid
 13. Mr. P. H. Rawson
 14. Mrs. Rawson
 15. Surgeon Major Foster
 16. Mrs. Foster
 17. Mr. Bohlen
 18. Mr. A. Biddle
 19. Mr. Brooke
 20. Mrs. Brooke
 21. Miss Brooke
 22. Mr. Baker
 23. Mrs. Baker
 24. Mr. Boddie
 25. Mrs. Boddie
 26. Mr. C. A. Rose
 27. Mrs. Rose
 28. Mr. Rose jun.
 29. Mr. Welchman
 30. Mrs. Welchman
 31. Mr. J. R. Carter
 32. Mrs. Carter
 33. Mrs. Morgan
 34. Miss Stoughton
 35. Mr. J. Pollard
 36. Miss E. Pollard
 37. Miss C. Pollard

all nice

Volunteers! such a cad -

38. Mr. Whitehouse
39. Mrs. Whitehouse
40. Miss Whitehouse
41. Mrs. Eldridge
42. Mr. W. J. P. Mason
43. Mrs. Mason
44. Miss Sykes
45. Count F. Szopary
46. Count Schönborn
47. Miss C. Furniss
48. Mr. Schneider
49. Mrs. Schneider
50. Mr. R. W. Mc Kinlay
51. Mrs. Mc Kinlay
52. Miss H. M. Hargreaves
53. Mr. R. Hargons
54. Miss Sherwood
55. Miss Crotty
56. Mr. Gatehouse
57. Miss Gatehouse
58. Miss M. Davidson
59. Miss J. Davidson
60. Mr. J. H. Good
61. Mrs. Good
62. Master C. B. Good
63. Mr. Chas. Kaufmann
64. Mr. G. Baldwin
65. Mr. F. W. Hurd
66. Mr. H. Mulliken
67. Miss A. B. Hamlyn
68. Miss E. W. Hamlyn
69. Madame Morrand
70. Mr. Vavelberg
71. Mrs. Vavelberg
72. Miss Whetstone
73. Capt. Ford

*angle boundaries from
gleason's up with
the 9th regt
Mr. F. Baglioni — Manager.*

*Rifle Brigade
son of Sir Clare Ford*

Cook's Nile Service



P.S. "RAMESES III."

Cook's Nile Service



P. S. "RAMESES III."

LIST OF PASSENGERS per P.S. "RAMESES III"

LEAVING CAIRO, 28th FEBRUARY 1893.

L 54/140

Manager: Mr. Büchner

1. Mr. Bliss
2. Mr. D. Baugh
3. Mrs. D. Baugh
4. Miss B. Baugh
5. Master P. Baugh
6. Col. Wilkinson
7. Mrs. Wilkinson
8. Miss J. Bolling
9. Miss H. D. Bolling
10. Mr. J. Simpson
11. Mrs. J. Simpson
12. Col. Fairbanks
13. Mrs. Fairbanks
14. Miss E. H. Fairbanks
15. Miss M. G. Tyler
16. Mr. C. Showell

17. Mrs. Showell
18. Rev. J. Rooker jun.
19. Rev. B. Neville
20. Mr. B. K. Miller
21. Mrs. B. K. Miller
22. Miss E. M. Miller
23. Surg. Gen. G. Farrell C. B.
24. Mr. George Flatan
25. Mrs. Rowley
26. Mr. F. Pennington
27. Mr. George Richmond
28. Dr. Penhall
29. Miss Maude Penhall
30. Maid
31. Mr. A. Wash Kinley
32. Mrs. H. Wash Kinley

Doctor: Mr. W. Longmore.

fine looking old man, same
from Jim's Lector with us.
He said bank was of-
course the canal of
L.W.B. & L.J.S.B. being
so bad -
In sorry for Julia.
More in a few days.
much love to all.
your loving son
Will.

Ramesses the Third Getting in to Cairo.

Sunday - Feb. 5. 1893.

I find on adding up my accounts
I have made nearly £20, which
is not bad.

Dearest Mother

Thanks very much for your letter
of the 26th. I have just sent Isabel's
on to Jack with a good budget of
foreign stamps, much the same as I'm
sending to Charlie. I'm awfully sorry to hear
how colds still hang about & how bad
Meta Scott is. I hope she will stay quiet
for a while with her mother. This has
been a very pleasant voyage, tho' not
a very lucrative one, still I'm very glad
not to have any of the disasters of last year.
I have made some real good friends, es-
pecially the Fahnstocks & the Boies
who are New York & Philadelphia people.
On Friday at Assiout I had a very nice
meeting with the Gairdners of Glasgow
who are up the Nile again on "Ramesses the
Great". The girl who was out the first
year (Minnie) has out again & it
was rather like a ghost & made one think
of the great gulf of three years fixed
in between the then & now. We had tea
together & a mild dance on board their

Ship in the evening we meet again at
Luxor next voyage. Somehow I got a
chill that night & woke up at 4 o'clock
in the morning with the usual colic
& sickness. It is simply beastly, but
I know how to treat it pretty well
now & get in a good dose of ~~cast~~ opium
before the sickness gets bad - I had
to stay quiet all yesterday but today
am all right again & going up to the
town to have tea with the sisters at
Mrs Thomson's home & then call on the
Rogers before evening church. Tomorrow I
have a great many sundries to do including
a great ~~or~~ crop of hair to get rid of. I shall
very likely go out to mine where I have a
great many friends staying, if I can get
a mount, but otherwise shall go out to
Kontba les Bains & see the Jenwicks. I en-
close a note of Mrs Jenwicks's prices
for Dr Martin. I asked Fred Hughes to dine here
this evening but he did not turn up & I'm not
sure if he is out yet. I had a long talk with Rogers
this evening. He seems to think that affairs are
very far from being settled here & that we shall
have great trouble soon, Mr Fairbairn said too
that affairs were unsettled & he is generally very
well informed. I met a Mr Travers Smith to night
one of the Directors of the L. & W. Bank, he is rolling in
coin & was buying up £50 carpets galore. I thought
of asking for Bakshush to make up for our diminished
shares. Cord Revell took the head of Baring Bros a very

Cook's Nile Service



P. S. "RAMESES III"

Cook's Nile Service



P. M. "RAMESES III"

LIST OF PASSENGERS per P.S. "RAMESES III"

LEAVING CAIRO, 7th FEBRUARY 1893.

L 54/142

Manager Mr. R. R. Buchner

1. Mr. F. E. Hyde
2. Mr. F. E. Hyde Junr
3. Mr. S. T. B. Hyde
4. Mrs. Schieffelin
5. Miss Schieffelin
6. Mr. Van Norden
7. Mrs. Van Norden
8. Baron von Rigal
9. Mr. T. G. Gibson
10. Mrs. Mather
11. Miss Mather
12. Miss Tucker
13. Baron de Renteiskjold
14. Dr. Taylor
15. Mrs. Taylor
16. Mr. S. P. Mumford
17. Mrs. Mumford
18. Miss Mumford
19. Miss R. Mumford
20. Master S. Mumford
21. Miss Groves
22. Mrs. C. Fairfax
23. Miss Fairfax
24. Miss C. Fairfax
25. Nurse Folkard
26. Mr. C. J. Prince
27. Mr. Horace E. Ware
28. Mr. William Ware
29. Mr. P. de Sommerville
30. Mr. J. J. Wildschut
31. Mr. A. H. Phillipse
32. Mr. C. Phillipse
33. Courier
34. Mrs. Leeds
35. Maid
36. Mrs. Horobin

*Exeter!!
Tucker's cousin
I think*

*From Lowell
J. J. Wright
Bumbers*

Dutch

37. Mr. Adolf Stenzel
38. Mrs. Stenzel
39. Mr. J. H. Goodhart
40. Mrs. Goodhart
41. Mrs. Cooley
42. Miss Cooley
43. Miss Reynolds
44. Miss Miles
45. Miss Moss
46. Miss M. H. Drake
47. Miss A. H. Drake
48. Miss M. L. Todd
49. Miss B. Todd
50. Mr. S. J. Drake
51. Mrs. M. D. Todd
52. Manservant
53. Mrs. L. S. Selfridge
54. Miss Gallagher
55. Mr. Argenti
56. Miss Weller
57. Miss Martin
58. Miss Abbott
59. Mr. G. H. Faber
60. Mr. Faber Junr
61. Mrs. Valpincon
62. Mr. Catoire
63. Mr. Bohomoletz
64. Mr. John Hatchell
65. Mr. Yznaga
66. Mrs. Yznaga
67. Miss Ann. S. Stephens
68. Mr. A. P. Williams Freeman
69. Mr. William A. Tucker
70. Mr. Nathan C. Hathaway
71. Mr. W. F. Paul
72. Mrs. Paul

Hamilton's cousin

Doctor Mr. W. Longmore

Jack's cousin

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté.

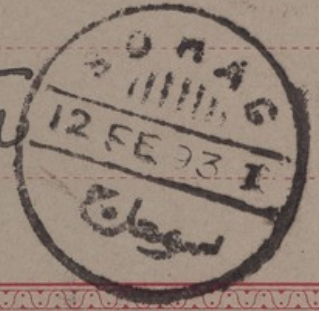
هذا الوجه يكتب العنوان فقط

اتحاد البريديات العام
مصر
تذكرة بريد

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



Lady Longmore
The Daddock
Woolstone
Southampton
England



854/143

Ramones iii - Saturday evening - Feb. 11. 1893

Only scawled a line to Rosie within 5 minutes
of leaving Assiout, so as I hope to be able to post
this evening will add a word or two now. Thanks
for Father's with Uncle H's & your & footlaces. I was
very glad to hear a better account of you all &
to know Jack had got on well. We have
started with rather a peculiar & (after the
last voyage) not over interesting lot. I have
sitting on my left Miss Miles & Miss Moss.
Genuine they are like old friends. Miss Miles
is nice, she says she has had Eon H. for the
last few holidays & finds him a very good & easily
managed child! Who are the Mumfords, of
the Priory, next to Egypt, Cowes, I. of Wight?
We have had it awfully cold up from Cairo
so far, but I'm glad to say it is getting warmer
now & will soon be hot enough at Assiout.
I went on board a Mr. Horsfall's dahabeyeh today
to see his young wife sent out here for luncheon.
They are cousins of C. Eleanor's people & were both of
very nice, she has left two small children
at home, poor thing. I have just been having
some rather nice people in to tea, a Mrs.
Miss Mather, they live not far from the
Rohley Hills & are some of the nicest people on
board. I'm so glad to hear Dr. Maclean is
back home again, my love to them. Thanks
to F. about 2 vol. of Green - I see a good paper
of Wright & Bruce ensemble in the B. M. J.
What a pity Sir W. A. M. does not get down
to Netley. Very glad Father was there
tell Harry to go & look up the Lpoulayes in
61. Queen's Gate & let me know how they are
much love to you all - VV ^{very soon, about} female fox

Sat. 11th Feb 7 '93

L. 54/144

Dearest Rosie

I meant to have written
but have been awfully busy
with patients I'm glad of
day! Please send enclosed
to "Chickie". I'm all right
but this voyage we're a
very poor lot on board
some awful bouncers.

Best of love to all,

J. Will.



"The Shades of Night are falling fast" a study in two inks!
J.W.M.F.

73
my

73
my

really comfortable & got in to the
best way of working my present
billet, it seems rather stupid to
change. I ought to have at
least £50 clear on arrival in
England & I assume that, after
living well for the winter & clearing
all expenses is really fairly good.
I had a pleasant morning with
the Gairdners yesterday & they went
off to Cairo en route for home
at 12 o'clock. We were photographed
together by Beato & Prince.
Franz Josef of Battenberg was one
of the party. I will send you a
copy if it turns out well. I think
the Prince is a little like me.
I enclose a Turner-esque sketch!
We have small pox here & I am
carrying vaccine, I hope it has
abated in London.

With much love to you all.
Your affectionate son
Will

Do not speak
about this to
anybody

Ramsey III)

Luxor. To 54/146
Thursday, Feb. 16 93.

My dear Father.

I must get a
line off to you tho' I do not know
I have much to add since my
last P.C. from Assiout. I have
just read over again your letter
of the 31st. I am very glad to
hear the good accounts of Dr.
Maclean & hope sincerely the
extra treatment may render them
more permanent than heretofore.
I am spending what are always
the pleasantest days of the voyage
those at Luxor. The compara-
tively cold weather which Africa
seems to have caught from Europe
is over & the last few days have
been as perfect as anything can
well be. Just now the Theban
hills are perfectly reflected on
the still water, the shadow being

a soft rosy color & like the sun
on Gannow it is hard to tell
the reality from the shadow. Last night coming back from
Larnac in the sunset the
water was a blaze of reflected
gold & an Irish lady quoted
in Italian passages from Dante
about the golden lake & we
all wished that we could
spread the clear, warm air &
the glory of the sunset over our
smoky towns in England.
I have a few patients among the
passengers of this boat, but
nothing serious or of interest,
except perhaps a rather curious
case of subacute parotitis from
cold in a very nice old Dutchman
from the Hague. We have four
Hollanders on board & Cook
takes 300 Dets. to the Rome

Inter! Med' Cong. in May.

They are such clever linguists
I am still unfortunate with the
crew of this ship, as they & also
the engineers & firemen are always
getting in to trouble & they want
curing very quickly, we as we have
no hands to spare & no room
for idle people on board.

Cannery was telling me the other
day that he was still doubtful
if he should stay at Luxor &
so I still have hopes of settling
myself for next year. The hotel
accommodation at Assuan too
is so much improved that it
is possible something might be
done there or failing both there
is the Tewfikieh Co's hotel at
Luxor which is much improved
& is comfortable enough, but pe-
cuniarily worth nothing. I feel
strongly I must settle something
tho' just as I have made myself

which passed on to great collapse & in a few hours she was so bad I had to decide to leave her at Luxor. She was taken ill about 11.00 at night & we were due to leave at 8.00 in the morning, so I was up all ~~the~~ night ^{5.00} arranging for her at the hotel with Dr. Canney & going to & fro. It was rather hard work, but we got her carried up very well in my long deck chair & without any bad results. The long chair was most useful, as she was a very heavy old lady & quite helpless. She is now recovering & is glad to say & intends waiting at Luxor until our return there, when she hopes to go up with us to Assuan & then back to Cairo. Luckily she had a maid & a friend (& a little dog!) so she is well looked after. Both Canney & myself thought she was going to die, so it was a great relief to hear of her recovery.

I have found out nothing about Assuan Hotel yet, but it is doing well & I hear rumours that Mr. Cook is going to take some interest in it, I only hope it may be so.

I have not been very well the last 10 days, but chiefly I think, because I got a stomach upset & the very hot days & cold nights prevent one getting thoroughly over it. What do you think of the photo. it is cut off the end of a group. For mother. With much love. Will.

"Rameses the Third"

Iskhag L 54/147

23/2/93 night
Thursday

My dear Father. Thanks for your letter of 6/2/93 which I got on our return to Luxor from Assuan the day before yesterday. Tomorrow again at Assuan I get the direct mail & so I shall not send this till I have rec'd it. We stop at this place now as the railway is open to Cairo from here, 5 people go down dry train starting at 6.00 tomorrow morn. & arriving Cairo 8.00 at night, a curious choice to make when they could go down comfortably on the boat. I expect tho' they have to catch some steamer. I thought the East Sues would have come on here if they had been stronger & I see by your quotation from Jack's letter it was so. Because it is a great advantage to him to have a pony especially in a the hot dusty, dry summer at Egit. When exercise on foot

is not much pleasure or profit. I suppose too that sharing stables with one or two fellows it will not cost much, but I don't know the expense of keeping ponies in Gih. I dare say it would be well that I should be able to make use of the £500 transferred to me if necessary, but for J. & R. of course the trust should be kept up.

I shall of course be pleased to act as Co. trustee with C.M.O. for Jack & Harry & as ~~far~~ it makes, as you say, no difference to your income it is a good thing to do.

I understand that you will transfer ^{each of} them 5- — (£100) Atlantic & 5- Insurance R. shares now worth £450 & bringing in £30 per annum.

I am so sorry to hear Dr Maclean does not pick up, but the constant repetition of such an operation must make the shock of anything greater. I heard from some one too that Mrs Maclean was looking very ill, poor thing. What a wonderful couple they are in every way.

Little Col! Lewis from Arosuan is going to Lurio in this boat, wh. is pleasant for I like him very much. He did not get much good from his week at Luxor. & when Dr Hunter, (the P.M.O. from his force), saw him he said he must get away & when it got warmer go thro a course of bath before returning to Duty in a hot climate. He will probably take Mars in Carlolath, June near Montreux & then have two months or more leave in England. He has a young brother in the Dorset Regt & ~~as~~ he is anxious for him to go into the Army Service Corps, he (the brother) had his name down for the I.O. Corps but does not like the risks & as at present Col! Lewis allows him £100 a year he is anxious for him to do something. I showed Col. Lewis Jack's letter to Mother & he agreed with it. He is the eldest of my brothers & their father is not alive or he has had a good deal of responsibility. I had rather a serious case just before leaving Luxor for Arosuan. An old lady of 43, who had been seized with bronchitis before, got a sudden chill with vomiting.

L 54/148

[FEBRUARY 28, 1893.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

A Plea for the Birds of Egypt.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE

Sir,—May I crave space in your paper for a word on behalf of the feathered "dwellers on the Nile," as they have no Selbourne Society to protect them and no close season during which they are safe from the gun of the thoughtless collector or chasseur, whose ravages are alas! only too apparent in the diminution of the numbers of some of the most beautiful and at one time most common of the indigenous Egyptian birds.

It is sad indeed to see that birds of such beauty, interest and utility as the hoo-poo, the kestrel hawk, the buff backed heron, the black and white kingfisher, the trochilus or black headed plover and many others are growing rarer year by year and at the present rate of decrease bid fair in the future to become as extinct, in the lower reaches of the river, as the ibis and the flamingo, the lotus or the crocodile.

At a time so remote that we can hardly estimate it Egyptian philosophers watched the tiny kestrel poised motionless in mid air and chose it as an emblem of the soul. Herodotus and after him each traveller and historian in succession have written about the famed trochilus or crocodile bird, while in later days the Arabs have their most fanciful tales about the origin of the dainty crested hoo-poo.

Besides their beauty and their interest some of these common birds are most useful to the cultivator of the soil, the kestrel destroying thousands of locusts and beetles, the hoo-poo numbers of caterpillars and worms and the buff-backed heron grubs and frogs, so that they have a claim on our protection from a practical, as well as a poetical, point of view.

That this diminution in numbers is going on there is no doubt of and those who have wandered about in the neighbourhood of Assiout, Luxor and Assuan during the last few years can hardly fail to have remarked it.

The fault of this wanton destruction lies chiefly with that curious individual, the chasseur who shoots at everything which flies or runs and not so much with the legitimate sportsman or naturalist who is chiefly interested, either in migrants such as duck, snipe or quail, or in obtaining a specimen or two of some special variety only.

The chasseur of this type does not know and probably would not care if he did know, that at this time of year, when the birds of northern Europe are still starving amid frost and snow, their more fortunate cousins in Egypt have paired, built their nests and in many cases have a hungry family of youngsters to provide for, so that, when the hapless hoo-poo, unsuspectingly probing the soft ground with his long bill, falls a victim to a charge of No. 5 shot, there will be a family of orphans left to slowly starve to death in their nest among the ruins of some neighbouring pylon or deserted dovecot.

It is disgusting to see, as unfortunately one only too commonly may, half a dozen wretched birds of all kinds carelessly carried by an Arab shikarri, their plumage all ruffled and destroyed and of no use whatever except to be shown as the result of the afternoon's chase and then thrown without a qualm into the river, or again to see the gun carelessly fired at a passing kite or crow, just for the sake of a shot and then perhaps the bird not even picked up but left where it has fallen, the so called sportsman often not knowing whether the unfortunate creature is dead or only wounded.

One cannot speak too strongly against such wanton destruction and cruelty and it is to be hoped that English travellers on the Nile, while encouraging sport and an interest in Natural History will do their best, both by precept and example, to prevent and discourage this unnecessary slaughter of the common birds.

I am, etc.,
W. L.

[FEBRUARY 28, 1893.]

LA G N I E RIES MARITIMES

OSTE FRANÇAIS

4 Mars au 2 Avril 1893.

s	après midi	Océanien	cap.	Pellegrin
	à 9h. du matin	Sénégal	"	Chevalier
	(probablement)	Saghalien	"	Homery
	à 9h. du matin	Iraouaddy	"	Le Gall
il	(probablement)	Sydney	"	Delacroix
s	à 4h. du soir	Niger	"	Bonsquet
	"	Gironde	"	Bretel
il	"	Sénégal	"	Chevalier
s	au matin ...	Yarra	"	de Manbougé
	"	Melbourne	"	Schmitz

10,142-4493

H WILSON,
IRO.

in Egypt for

Tube Steam Boiler." For burning Coal.
Economical (as to space and fuel) and Durable.
and spacious steam room, easy of transportation
ing externally and internally. 800,000 Horse

ges, Wagons, Wheels, Springs, Axles, Tyres
aterial.

ED. Lapwelded Iron and Steel Boiler Tubes,
m Tubes and Fittings, Black and Galvanized
r all purposes, Steel and Iron Plates.

eamers, Dahabreahs, Barges, Steam Launches,
peed Engines (High Pressure & Compound),
Water and Gas Valves of every description

Office.— Maison MANUK

26 Sharia-el-Manakh.

0,219-9202

SAPOLIO.

ENOCH MORGAN & SONS, NEW-YORK.
On Emploie le SAPOLIO : Pour nettoyer
les couteaux.— Pour rendre les toiles cirées bril-
lantes.— Pour donner aux pa-que's, aux tables et
aux planches un nouvel aspect.— Pour enlever la
graisse aux plats, aux marmites et aux casseroles.
— La corvette, le bain et même l'évier gras-
seux de la cuisine deviennent d'une éclatante propreté
en l'employant.

ALEXANDRE : En vente chez : MM. B. FISCHER
& Cie, A. & G. MONFERRATO, N. PAPPA, DELESCHAMPS
FRERES, DEMITRI ACHILLIAS, N. GARAYANNAKI
etc., etc.

LE CAIRE : Dépôt chez MM. B. KUSTER & Cie.

PORT-SAID : Dépôt chez M. L. L. MAYROUNI.

Seuls agents pour l'Egypte: G. MARCUS & Cie

ZE MEDAL, DUBLIN EXHIBITION, 1865.

MAN'S LL WHISKY,

Cream of Old Irish Whisky.

and Mellow, Delicious and very Wholesome.
Gold Medal, Paris Exhibition, 1878.

MAN'S GLENISLE WHISKY

TINEST SCOTCH WHISKY SOLD.

NAHAN & CO., LD.,

ORD STREET, LAMBETH, LONDON.

Export Agents:

EPH LEETE & SONS,

MARY-AT-HILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.



MOB
E BRO
ARTIS
788-

Saturday morning - L 54/149
of 16 Feb 3 4th

I have just got yours, Father &
one from Jack. It is true you
have lived on scraps, but I
don't seem to have any special
news at all.

Today I have been a hot long ride
under the hills to the Utian cemetery
to see the grave of Mr. Clayton
who died here last year & found
it & our soldiers all in very good
well kept conditions.

The steamer is now just off & I must
close this, Jack talks of possible
leave in April wh. would be rather
a pity I think, but live only skin-
med thro' his & yours while
jogging along on my spirited ass!

Glad to hear Charlie's ^{vaccination} so successful

Very much love to all
Ever your loving son.
Will.

My dear Mr. Longwell.

with the New Hotel at Assuan. Un-
luckily John Cook had returned to
England & Frank Cook was in Pal-
estine so I was not able to have a
talk with them & find out their views
on the matter. Failing these two I
think I shall try the rival
company (Gaze's) Hotel, but only
as a last resort, for it would
be a deadly insult in the eyes of
Cook!

Have you heard anything of the Mon-
archs lately. I'm ashamed to say
I have never written to them, tho'
I had planned a letter to Lady M.
a long time ago.

The agent tell me all the parcels
sent to England as the time I sent
yours were very long in arrival, but
I hope you have got it by now.

When I get back on the 20th of March
I am going to join Graham who is recruit-
ing in the Delta - we hope to have some
great shooting & old city exploring together
living in tents which will be jolly.

I 54/150
"Rameses III"
Near Assiout
Mar. 3. 1893.

Dearest Mother.

I think it is rather a long time
since I wrote you a letter for yourself
so as we shall be sending off tonight
I will start a line now.
I posted a letter full home from
Cairo on Sunday last. I wonder what
you thought of the photographs I rather
liked it. This is the last voyage of the
Rameses III this year, as we have
only 35 passengers I am taking
things easy, sleeping down below in
cool & only using my room to
dress in etc. I think there are probably
more nice people among these 35
than among the 42 of last voyage
but I have not seen much of them
yet. S. Farrell is I.M. & not
interesting at all. The Howells live
at Edgworthstown & are rich people who
I have met before but don't much
care for. There were singularly few

people I cared about at all last time, but I made friends with a Mrs Mather & her daughter who were travelling with an old gentleman Mr Gibson, all from Newcastle & Northumberland & I made friends with the old gentleman fancying he was a ship-builder!! However I found he had been a solicitor & was now on some political work. Mrs Mather's only son is in a shipbuilding & engineering firm in Newcastle, went to work when he was 16, is now 19 & just going to work in Germany. He is a good linguist & the firm he is with are going to keep him on, on account of his German chiefly I believe. They must of course be well off or they could not come up the Nile & have a house in the country & keep hunters. Miss Mather was at Gorton College & is a clever girl. I had a very good aftⁿ with them at Mena on Monday, we drove out after tea on board Ramses III

& after the sunset dined at the Hotel & enjoyed the full moon to our hearts content, both there & driving back in an open carriage. I am driving 8 miles in an open carriage by moonlight the end of February in England. Mena House has not been doing very well this year tho it still seemed to me to be as delightful as ever.

Bentley the doctor, Charlie's young friend papa, has been ill & in Miss Thomson's home but he is better again. He talked of leaving in a hurry but has thought better of it! I am going to have a serious talk with Canney at Luxor this time & find out from him if he intends to stay on or not. If he is wavering I shall offer him a good round sum to "abdicate in my favor". If he will not accept my offer, I'm going to try & make an arrangement

who is now at Aswan on a dahabiyeh
 & who had a doctor with him. All
 the dahabiyehs are on their homeward
 journey now as it is getting hot at
 Aswan. I have about £40 in hand
 now & so I may reasonably hope to
 land in England with about £50
 & so be able to carry out the Brussels
 idea if it is considered worth while.
 I have asked Dr. Sandwith & others to
 keep their eyes open for a travelling
 appl^{ce} for me, but if nothing turns
 up when the steamer stops running
 on Mar. 20th I shall join Graham
 for a week or two in the Delta,
 where he is examining recruits in the
 big towns. I suppose that will fill
 up till the beginning of April.
 When if Jack could arrange for me
 I would go on to him for a bit.
 & come back from there by P. & O.
 in the beginning of May, if the weather
 in England is pretty good. I am
 sorry to hear you are having such wretched
 weather now, but it is the same in Europe
 & also I hear in New York.

These new things
 to write him as soon
 as convenient, as it has
 been to be sure, but I
 have looked at it when
 replying to L.L.
 24. March - (Wed)
 the day.

I. 54/151
 "Rameses the Third"
 Near Luxor.
 March 6th 1893.
 (2pp)

My dear Father.

There is a good deal to answer
 in your letter so I will begin to reply
 some days before I can hope to send
 it.
 I don't think I ever thanked you for
 the card of the R.C. Engineering Socy.
 I too am glad to see H. as Secretary
 & tackling such a deep subject as
 'Submarine Vessels'. I see on the
 Committee the name of Mathew
 the same as that of the Newcastle
 people that I made friends with
 last voyage, but I do not know that
 he is a relation.
 I'm sorry to hear Charlie has had that
 tooth wrong again. I'm afraid it ought
 to be taken out as all sources of ir-
 ritation must be bad for him.
 The Cayley Whitehead wedding must
 have been a very gay one, but it will
 make a very great difference to their
 household losing her.

Very glad to hear of Dr. Muehlen's recovery again. The Kaufmanns are nice people & if I have a chance I shall be glad to visit them. I cannot see at present that I am likely to want the capital of my money in Tunis, so that the fact of its being difficult to insert the clause ~~about~~ will not much matter, but I should certainly think it well to have the provision made in Jacobi's case & especially for Harry.

I am glad to see that small pox is decreasing rapidly again in S. Tunis but the vaccination was a good thing done. There is a good deal of small pox in this country too & I have been carrying lymph tho' as yet have not had occasion to vaccinate anyone.

A dahabiyeh for 6 or 4 people costs about £120 a month. The cost lessens a little if it is taken for the whole winter of 5 months, which is much the best plan. The sizes, amount of accommodation & luxury of fitting up vary also very much & affect the cost. It is generally reckoned that 5 people can ~~live~~ live for about £1 a day each or rather less on board a comfortable dahabiyeh. If they speak arabic & can manage

for themselves so as not to have a dragoman it will cost less.

That price includes hire of boat, ~~the~~ wages & food of Captⁿ & crew, cook, servant & boy & provisions for the party.

If one of Cook's large steel dahabiyehs are taken it of course is more expensive. The time spent on the Nile should be from 20th of Nov^r to 10th of April, January between 1st & 2nd cataracts that is in Nubia.

I'm sorry to hear about Uncle C's fresh troubles, it must be a very unsettled existence for them all three. The 'Collingwood' is a very fine ship, I wonder if Mrs. Keedham will be at Malta when I pass thro' there the middle of April.

This voyage as yet I have not had any patients, except I went last night on board a dahabiyeh & saw the wife of a Mr. Balfour, a young fellow, who I think was secretary to one of the ministers in the late Government. They are going up to join the Marquis of Waterford

as we can well see, I. E. we crashed into the barge & the old steamer we were moored against, drove them ashore, stove their sides in & are now grinding against them in a manner which will not improve our lower deck plates & windows. I hope it will have subsided before tomorrow as if it continues it will not be very pleasant trying to steam on towards Assouan. I have now had to light a candle tho' it is sometime before sundown & the appearance of things outside is just like a London fog, the temp. at about 80° & the high North West wind soon and ceases one.

10.30 a.m.

I am going off to bed so will finish this now. Had promised to hire on board a dahabiyeh but weather quite prevented it. Their small boat could not come for me. I have some rather strange pets in the shape of two baby wolens, which I have to feed from an infant's bottle with milk before I go to bed, they are crying just like children now. I must write & tell Charlie about them. With love to you all.

I am your affectionate son
Will

9/8/93 254/151

Since I have been up here I have been having a talk with S. Canney & in saying to day he has practically settled that the place suits his health so well that he shall stay on here. He put it so strongly that I could not offer him the terms I had intended to do. I then had a talk with Mrs Pagnon (the owner of the Luxor Hotel) to ask him what he thought of Assouan & he told me that he was at that time in treaty with the native owner of the New Assouan Hotel to hire it from him. If he came to terms as he expected to do, he should build on another 40 bedrooms for next year & if I liked I should have the refusal of any arrangement he would be able to make with a medical man. He said George it would be largely a venture & that he could not offer much, but that if I could find rooms outside I should be free in (feet) the Hotel & that perhaps Cook would give me a ticket up the river & from England. I think that with dahabiyeh, with some native practice & with the Hotel

I might just make it pay, tho
of course rent of rooms, furniture
& servant ~~but~~ would run away
with proceeds. That might be got
over by my taking a resident
patient for the winter, if I could
find a delicate boy who wanted
looking after. At any rate I'm
going to see Mr Frank Cook &
Mr Pagnon again at the end of
the season in Cairo & see if we
can make an arrangement & now
in Assuan I'm going to enquire
into price of rooms etc.

It always makes me rather angry
when I think I have all this trouble
doubt & expense, just because
Mr J. M. Cook forgot my application
for Luxor, of course it is not Lannep's
fault that having dropped my
application into a good thing he sticks
to it.

There is one thing that Assuan

is, I should say, healthier than
Luxor & having the Barracks
there it is more lively & there
would always be some decent
English officers to talk to.

Since I have been writing a very
bad khamzin has come on & now
I can hardly see 100 yards from
the steamer for a thick yellow
cloud of fine sand which fills
the whole air & is penetrating into
everything while it is so dark I
can only just see to write. It is
blowing more than half a gale
& the usually placid Nile is lashed
up into a short choppy sea which
looks as if it would swamp an
ordinary rowing boat. It has
now become about the worst kham-
zin I ever saw except perhaps
one day the first year I was out
when we could not see to steam
& had to anchor for half a day
in mid stream.

Sand shorts made me run out &
since then we have been as near wrecked

feet, for as you ^{will} see by the
list there are two doctors on
board. Dr. Penhall, a very nice
& kind old fellow, for many
years had the best practice in
St. Leonards. He not only has
been looking after me like a nurse
as well as a doctor, but has been
seeing any cases of sickness oc-
-curring on board. I had not
been bright since the day of that
sand storm I told F. about, but
did not think it anything much
till Wed. y. last when we left
Luxor when I felt so sick &
nervous I had to go to bed.
Dr. P. thinks I have got liver &
stomach & inside generally
upset & must be nursed for a
bit. It is an awful bore in a
great many ways, but I shall
be ~~be~~



S.S. Rameses III

Near Cairo

Sunday 19th Nov. 1893

My dearest brother.

We are both in the wars
together for I'm disgusted to say
you are to be cheated out of
that long ~~for~~ letter again &
I, an unlucky animal that I
am, am laid with an ag-
-gravated case of colic wobbles &
instead of going off to camp
but I shoot quail with Graham
am going straight to Miss
Thomson's home, to be coddled
back to a proper state of
insides by her nurses.
As usual, I have fallen on my

splendidly looked after there. The last voyage of each season is always unlucky with me.

I was awfully glad to hear how well Uncle P. had done at Shanklin. I think we had better sell up our extensive Woolstone property & get hold of some little place in the I. of W. where you & Father & Rosie can live (& not exist) in the winter.

I don't know if Sandwith will pack me off any sooner after this, but if so, I will wire to you by the unicode any change of plans or other

excitement.

It is unlucky this coming Jan now as I had arranged to meet Pagnon & Mr. F. Cook to talk over assouan shortly however I shall have to do it if poss. by proxy.

I must send a line to Julia who wrote to me a little unhappily last week I'm sorry to hear she has been sick & of Dioztt.

Much love, dearest, to you & to all.

Ever your loving son.

Will

Miss T's Home

(2 pp.)

L 54/153



The
New English Dispensary
OPERA SQUARE

CAIRO 24/3/93

Dearest Mother

I'm going to send you
off a line on the chance of your
getting it sooner than the next
English mail as I see there are
several smaller ones going out
I am getting on all right & haven't
had any symptoms since I have
been here at all, only very weak
after what was a sharpish knock
down. I had rather a disagreeable
journey up here from the steamer
as I came up on one of the Kas-el-
Aini Hospital wheel stretchers, as
they did not want me to run the
chance of joggling up my innards in
a carriage. My conveyance, however,
only had iron wheels & no cover &
as Cairo roads are not very steady
I think I got as much jolting as I
should have done in any other way.

Sandwith met me at the boat
& Sister May. From here, kindly
came down & helped to put my
few necessary things together. I
felt rather a fantasia for the natives
coming along exposed to "the wind & the
weather" which consisted of sunshine &
which was kept off me by a huge green
umbrella! This place is a private home
& of course I get all the cooking & coddling
I require & which I could not get at an
hotel. I have a very good room & as there
happen to have been beastly cold days &
some rain since Sunday I have not lost
much, but Oh lor! it is hard lines to have
to pay £5-5-0 of my hard earned dollars
for a weeks stay here instead of going off
camping out with Gore Graham.

Sandwith seems to think I ought to stay
here till Sunday next & then I shall go
to Shepards & if Jack can arrange for me
I shall go to him as soon as I can, I
may as well be his guest & pay his extra
messing bill & get to know the fellows
in his regiment as well as pay for my-
self here at Shepards. I should like to
swear badly, but as I really believe I ought to
be pretty thankful for things in general,
I ~~do~~ won't do so. All my kit too, packed
up better sheltered by the Arabs & in such
a ghastly muddle.

I have just got yours of the 16th of March
Father & Isabel enclosed, also one fr.
Isabel from Keswick. How dreadful
about H. & Dio again but I'm afraid
one hopes against hope in their case.
Glad to hear good a/c of Jack, he has not
yet written to me for certain about his
leave, but I expect with the arrange-
ments I have to make with the Cooks
& Mr Pagnon there will be no hurry
only I fear it is much better to know
on account of getting a berth by P. & O.
I told you, I think, Canney was going to stay
at Luxor & that Pagnon thought of
increasing Hotel accommodation at Aswan
I have not heard any more about it &
& tho' Mr F. Cook came to see me here
I did not I fear talk any shop with
him. Please tell F. I did have one
box of out of the dressing case - The photo
was cut off the one with Prince Francis Josef
in it & the black folks were only children.

If you see the Edens you might say I have made the acquaintance of their friends the Bearcrots in here, as poor Mr B. is also ill in the home. They are a nice quiet couple I oh I think but Mr B. is v. delicate.

Little Major Lewis is down here & looks in every day, I have a great many visitors of all kinds.

I'm glad to hear fr. Isobel such a jolly up of Aunt Pollie

I'm going to take my long back chair, cushions, carpet & a few things of that kind to Jack at Epit. & then he can bring them home if he has late leave.

If you see Mr Harvey please thank him for a letter
Are the Welch's still at Plymouth? I thought perhaps if I came home rather early, I might stay for a quiet fortnight in Devonshire & fatten at the Atkins on cream & milk & have the pleasure of seeing them again
My nurse wants to pack me off to bed & the mosquitos are quite frightful - Goodnight.

Will

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté. ✕

يجب ان يكتب العنوان فقط

اتحاد البوستة العام
مصر
تذكرة بوستة
مجاوبه

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE
RÉPONSE



Lady Longmore
The Paddock
Woolstone
Southampton
England

Shepherd's Hotel L. 54/154
Monday, March 24. 93

I left Miss T.'s home with
regret yesterday aftⁿ &
installed myself in here.
Have got a capital big
double bed room & am as
comfortable as possible.
Am very much better in
fact going about pretty well
as usual & have really
picked up splendidly.

Curiously enough we have
had a regular April day
here, showers & sunshine
all day & even hail & all
the trees & flowers in the
garden look wonderfully fresh.
I think it would be a good
thing if you asked the Atkins
if they could take me in for
a little while if I got to Plymouth
earlier than usual. This is only an
odd male.

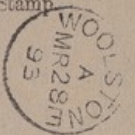


POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Telegram.....

L 54/155

Office Stamp



If the accuracy of an Inland Telegram be doubted, the telegram will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being reckoned as $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Charges
to pay

£ s. d.

Handed in at the

Lancaster 8 - 45

Office at

.M.

Received here at

8 50

TO {

Longmore

Woolstone Selan

Senior

prices as I know at one time he was
thought very highly of out here.
Dr. Bentley of Mena House, who was
here today, is going home by Singapore,
Japan, San Francisco & Chicago, it
is rather a long way, but he has pro-
perty in Singapore which he has to
look after. People are all running off
from here now, but there have been
so many stormy passages lately that
I am rather glad not to be going for
the present.

Unless you hear to the contrary I shall
be at Port Said till the 10th
Brindisi 13th. Gih. arrive 14th
Go men Cook & Son. Port Said
" " " Brindisi
& put "Forward to Gibraltar if left" & then
I shall be once to get them.

Glad to hear a good account of Mr. Close.
Very sorry my letter arrived late, I fancy
it was posted same time as pamphlet.
Much love to mother to whom I will
write by regular mail on Monday.
Yours affec. son
Will

I have wonderfully little cough now.



Shepherd's Hotel, Cairo, 30/3/1893

Thursday.

Can't you wait till I get back
for lodging in London.

Telegraph Address:
SHEPHERDS CAIRO.

My dear Father.

I need not tell you I got
your telegram safely as I hope you
need the next morning my reply of
"Feners" & were satisfied thereby.
Certainly the code is a very great
advantage. Has Jack got one?
If he has I could telegraph the date
of my arrival if necessary. I have
not heard from him yet which
rather surprises me but I expect it
just is that he is not sure of his
movements. Anyhow I shall come by
the Himalaya if possible on the 20th
of April getting to Gih. on the 17th
& shall a week there even if Jack
has gone as I shall find other friends
beside the Stevens. I most likely came

here on Friday with 1 go to Port Said
for a day or two, as in that way I
shall get next mail here before
leaving. I am very much better &
the weather is improving & getting warmer.
I am surprised to hear it has been
so hot in Egypt, as here there has
been no great heat. Today I walked
up to the railway station to see off
one of the steamer doctors & some
other friends who were going back to
England & this afternoon took one of
the visitors from the home down to
the steamer (which is docked) to get
some few things I had left there.

The only thing which now troubles
me at all is obstinate constipation.
Appetite & feeding are all right again.
The English mail is just in & I have
your letter, Mother's & P.C., ^{23rd March} ~~enclosed~~
enclosure of Mrs. Hamiltons & want to
your account of Henry is too awful
& even knowing him as I do I cannot
conceive it. As you say something

horrible must shortly occur. What
ever happens the outlook & state
of things for Dio. is too tragic
& as you say it seems a hopeless
matter in which nothing can be
done. I should have thought that
his threats to take her life combined
with the fact that he has been in
Bethlem would have been enough
to gain a separation without dif-
ficulty & that he would be obliged
to pay part of his pension for her
support.

Graham is down in the Delta so
I have not seen much of him but
I expect he will be up tomorrow.
He generally comes up for Fridays
which, as the Moslem Sabbath, ~~is~~
is always a holiday for E.A. men.
I have not seen Dr. Rogers to talk
to since I have been back, but I
shall try & go there on Sunday &
tell him all you have done. I am
sorry to hear about Hayes, he is
a man who must have gone all to

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté.

اتحاد الپوسته العام
مصر
تذكرة پوسته

UNION POST
E.C.
CART



Lady Longmore
The Paddock
Woolstone
Southampton
England

Shepherd. Easter Sunday night.

2 April 93

£ 54/153

Dearest M. I am going to send
a P.C. tonight as I wrote to Father
a day or two ago & both may
arrive at once. I have not
been quite up to the mark again
the last couple of days & have
a headache today so have kept
quiet. There is a khamseini wind
blowing hot, which probably par-
-ly accounts for it. I shall be
glad to get on the sea again for
it is hard to get quite right after
enteric trouble in this country.

I had a line from Jack today &
am sorry he is cecy, but I
expect it was the heat & the rain
will have cooled things.
Will write again by next mail.
With love to you all from

Will

to having worried intestine again.
It is pretty hot & I have taken a
good dose of quinine, so am not
much in for writing. The mail
comes in tonight but I have not
got yr. letters yet. I got shawl &
it is very nice.

Graham finishes his work today
I will be in Cairo tonight, I'll
leave this open in case he cares
to add.

Very nice to get back here & feel
one has not to think of anything.
You must not worry about me
as I shall let you know by code
how I am if necessary or if I change
my plans.

Heat, mosquitoes etc make writing
brastly
Best love to you & all, Mother Dear.
Ever, Mother Dear.
Your loving W.

L 54/158
Miss Thomson's Home
Cloughton House
Bat. el. Lonk
Cairo
Thursday. April. 6th
9. P.M. 1893

Dearest Mother.

I wonder if you will be sur-
prised to see me back here, I'm
afraid you will all be like
myself a little disappointed,
but I found I was doing no good
at Shepheard's, tho' everyone did their
best for me, & so my sister May came
round bundled a few things in to
a bag, came off here straight & left
all my kit at the Hotel. I have
not had had any diarrhoea or
particular abdominal trouble this
time, but still Dr. Sandwith thinks
the little fever I have had is due

(2 pp)

L 54/159



THE
New English Dispensary
OPERA SQUARE

CAIRO

Miss Thomson's Home

Cairo
Friday - April 4th.

Dearest Mother.

1893

I have just got yours, I & Rosie's letters. I know of course how my letter before would upset you all & now I'm so sorry to write again from the home. I'm better to-night than I was last night & so I'm rather glad my letter was omitted to be sent as it was not a very cheery smudge. I'm awfully glad I did come back as I am beautifully looked after here & it is very likely compared to being caddy in an hotel. I have been having a long chat with Graham this aftⁿ - he is awfully nice when one is caddy especially & always is bringing or sending me something or other.

Saturday aftⁿ 8th

I did not do much in the way of writing yesterday aftⁿ, as I had several visitors & it grew dark before they went. I had a good night & my powers of sleep have been noticed here as elsewhere, one has to be a good sleeper too for it is the month of Ramadan, (which as the Monctreffs will tell you if you see them) is an awful time. It is the great Moslem fast, no food, water or cigarettes from 6 am to 6 pm. To make up for it they make merry all night, eat, drink, dance, let off ~~fantasy~~ fireworks, have fan-tazias & hire blind beggars to chant the Koran in an awful sing song wail. Then all the animals share in this too & the donkeys, dogs, cocks & hens make night hideous too. The big people have to go & pay visits late in to the night too. Then of course all the servants who are Moslems are tired out & cross all the day & nothing gets done properly. The cocks & hens here too are most wonderfully noisy, besides being more or less audible all day long, they are perfectly unbearable about 3 a.m. They are nearly all true game bred, that long ~~leg~~ legged, long necked, body less sort which only looks as if it was made for fighting & crowing & had nothing to do with boiled eggs & roast fowls.

p.2. 8 Apr. 1893

L. 54/159

RESCRIPTION

COPIED

BOOK

Nº

THE
New English Dispensary
OPERA SQUARE

CAIRO

Sat - aftⁿ 8th.

By the bye in appreciating the benefits
of the English agricultural college here
which kindly supplies Miss T. with butter
milk, cream & eggs, none of which
could be surpassed in Devonshire.
I should say there was no town in the
East in which one could say the same
thing. Butter 1/8 to 2/- lb & cream 1/-
for a jar holding quite a breakfast cupful.
I am going very easy in the way of food
now but still all these things are
a great help. Another thing I notice here
is how curiously all the street cries sound
like ours in England & how easily a
long drabie whine turns in to "Storr bres
ro: orpe" or something of that kind.
Graham's sister is to be married next
week he tells me, (he has just been

in to tea after ~~fast~~ polo, he is in
Cairo till Tuesday now & then off
again for a few day.

I've written more than I intended
& must leave off now, I'm taking
quinine & tho' it does not make
my head ache much, it makes
it a little queer.

This is only an extra mail &
will come I expect only a day
before the regular one.

I hate to have to write home & say
I'm not quite fit especially when
I've just had a letter of your's
& Father's feelings!

Shall write again in two days.

With very much love to all
Yr.

W
—

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté

اتحاد الپوستہ العام
مصر
تذكرة پوستہ

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A J. Longmore Esq.
The Paddock, Worsley
2nd East Lancs. Reg.



Gibraltar
Southampton England

Miss T's Home. Cairo

10/4/93

L 54/160

my

Dear old J. I'm afraid
my visit must be 'off',
& very sorry I am. I am
pretty sick, & as soon
as I can do so, I must
go straight home.

It is a great disappointⁿ in
every way, & they are cut
up at home I'm afraid
V. sorry to have given you
such a lot of writing

Yours f.

W.



will improve again and
be able to sail for England
again very soon.

Now you must not imagine
that because I am writing
there is any necessity to think
seriously of Willie that
is warranted by what I have
said - there is not - I know
you are always anxious
about him and I am sure
it would be useless to do
otherwise than speak quite
straightforwardly about it.

As regards his cough he seems
much better & scarcely coughs
at all but the fever has
wounded him and we think

(2pp)

L. 54/161

Abdin Barrack's
Cairo.

10 April 93

Dear Lady Longmore,

You will have before
now heard from Willie
that he had been rather
silly when he came down
the river and had gone
from Shephards' to Miss
Thomson's home - so it
struck us you would like
to know that he was really
being well looked after

and made as comfortable as possible. I fancy the cold wind & rain that they had during his last journey was too much for him at the time and we have had more of that sort since he got back to Cairo such as is enough to try the strongest constitution so I don't think we can feel surprised that he has been knocked over a bit by it. Dr. Sandwith is looking after him and he

could not be in better hands than his & those of Miss Thomson and her nurses - I saw him today in consultation with Dr. Sandwith - his chief trouble being a discomfort about the stomach and sometimes pain in the limbs which we consider due to a certain amount of fever he gets in the evening, and which may be any one of the 101 febrile conditions that so often arise in this country. It is much better weather there last few days and so we expect that when he feels the benefit of the change he

p. 2. 10 Apr. 1893

L 54/161

the sooner he gets out of this
malarious country the
better - feeling quite sure
that as soon as we
can get a good ship for
him he ought to come
home and that the sea
voyage will work out
some of the fever in no
time.

Unfortunately I have to
go out into the country again
tomorrow - I shall try
to come in for a day or
so at the end of the

week a beginning of next-
so as to see him and if
there is any news to tell
you I will write by next-
weeks mail.

In the meanwhile if there
is anything you would like
me to do you know well
that I am entirely at your
service -

Yours very sincerely

W. P. F. Pabam

Not received
at Woolstone till
April 20 - No P. Graham
if same date arrived
in the type!

Cloughton House
Bat el-Louk
Cairo - 10/4/93

with enclosure L. 54/16 2a

Dearest Mother

Having neglected you
so long I now give you a let-
ter every mail, ~~as~~ which is
particularly kind as I have
such cheery & interesting letters
to write. There is no particular
change in my exciting condition
since I wrote two days ago & ap-
parently my seediness is to be
characterized by the absence of
symptoms & the presence of fever.
Today Graham went to have a talk
with Sandwith & he S. kindly
asked W.P.G.G. to come & see me
with him, which was nice of
S. They quite agreed together but
W.P.G. is going to write to you & so

you will hear by this mail what
he has to say also. My room here
looks over an orange garden &
the flowers are lovely just now
one mass of small white
blossom on the mandarins & the
citrons & oranges just falling.
However English apple blossom
is much prettier & lasts longer
the young spring green only lasts
a few days here. Today is reck-
oned the first day of summer, a
kind of May-day for the
natives & they all go out in
to the country & carry bunches
of queer cut flowers.

I had a kind letter from
Rome from Mrs. Leeds, the old
Boston lady I had to leave at
Lucca in the middle of the
night. The news of my illness

had reached Rome! by a lady's
maid who told the news to
Mrs. Leeds' maid!

They have such a splendidly
polished board for writing lying-
down here & I shall get them
to make one for you when I get
home.

I must not add more now as I
have to send a line to Jack -
I have hardly any cough & lungs
have behaved excellently, having
kept absolutely right.

Tell Father there is hardly any time
I get any in this country, tho' there
is so much diarrhoea, but I have
constipation still.

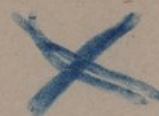
I shall hope to tell you fewer is
much better next mail -
Love to Father & all.

Ever your loving son.
Will

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
GIBRALTAR

POST  CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Sir Thomas Longmore CB &c.

The Paddock

Woolston

England.

Southampton

John Deane
14/4/93.

L 54/1626

Thanks for sending the two books they both arrived
safely also for yesterday's ^{dated 9th April} p.c. I hope Will will
have had a good journey it has been
lovely weather here lately. I will write
directly W. arrives.

Yours in haste
J. L.

Steamer "Cathay"^m put down to
Leave Alexandria April 18th

Arrive at Brindisi April 21st

Changes to Steamer for England

Leave Brindisi April 22nd

do Malta do 24th

do Gibraltar do 28th

Arrive Plymouth May the 2nd

London

Today Monday April 17th
Enclosed w. ltr. of 10.4.1893

L 54/1620

"Cathay" returns to Alexandria

3rd

L'adresse seule doit être écrite de ce côté. ✕ يتقرر العنوان فقط

اتحاد الپوسته العام
مصر
تذكرة پوسته

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



A

Lady Longmore
Woolstone

Southampton,
England

Nursing Home - Cairo
Thursday. 13th

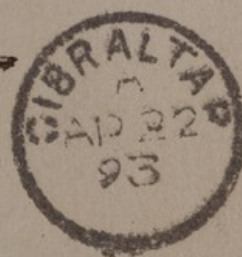
L 54/163

My dear M. Condition, same today
is just the same. Still just too
much fever at night to get away.
Fever getting hotter day by day wh.
makes it trying; but this is a
fairly cool house, average ^(during day) room 70°
Will write tomorrow. W.L.

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
POST CARD—GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND
(GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE)

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

J. C. G. Longmore Esq.,
2nd Batta, East Lancashire Regiment
The Paddock
Woolston
Southampton
Gibraltar
England

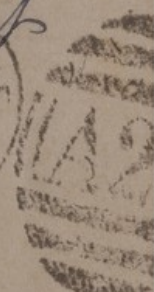
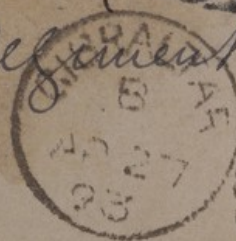


L. 54/164 Woolstone, 17 April 93.
I wrote a long letter to you yesterday. This Aftⁿ a tel^m has
arrived from Alexandria, telling us W. was to leave by the "Cathay"
on the 17th due to arrive at Brindisi on the 21st. He will
have to change into another steamer at Brindisi - ~~which~~ the name
of wh^{ch} I don't know - but it is put down to leave Brindisi 22nd
to leave Malta 24th, Gt Br^{ain} 25th & to be at Plymouth May the 2nd.
We think from remarks in a letter from Graham dated 10th April that W.
will come straight home to England - but it may depend upon how
he is when he reaches Gt Br^{ain}. You will probably know about this
before we shall - but I have written to Brindisi in the hope of
catching him there & have asked him to telegraph when he knows.
I have been wondering whether a book I posted to you on the 3rd of the month,
if at the same time a letter for W. reached you in due course. T. L.
I think the mail from Gt Br^{ain} comes quicker to Englnd than the S. L. O. steamer, so be sure
to write to us.

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
POST CARD—GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND
(GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE)

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

J. C. G. Lonsmore Esq.,
2nd Batt.ⁿ East Lancashire Regiment
The Paddock
Woolston Gibraltar
Southampton
England



Woolstone, 20/4/93. Yr p. card of 15th just arrived. Glad to know the 2 books got to you all right. I suppose the p. card you refer to as rec^d on the 14th, must have been the one that was sent to you at the same time as the book on Lib^{ty} - which was on the 9th April. It makes things clearer when date is named. Presuming this to have been the p. card you allude to, you would not have heard on the 15th, when you wrote of W's illness, & of his being in hosp^l again, so that he could not be with you on the 15th as previously arranged. I sent you p. cards on the 11th, letter on 12th, & Dr on 16th, to keep you informed about W's progress. I on 17th to tell you by ~~letter~~ we had heard of tel^g of his embarking on the Cathay at Alexandria on the 17th, so if these reached you in due course you would have been fully prepared for W. not reaching Lib^{ty} before the 27th or 28th of this month. He has left today for King's - his last Eng^l term. He is very well. Yr mother & C. are now gone to South^{am} to see him off. Nothing new here. I suppose this will reach you a day or two before W. may be expected. A letter from him dated the same day as Graham's (which reached here on the 17th) has only just come (20th) X

came up to see Willie with him - we decided that he ought to come home as the fever did not seem to abate much, with the hope that the Sea air would do him more good than the Cairo air. So we started on Tuesday morning from Cairo. Willie though weak & pulled down stood the journey & the fatigue of getting on board very well and I am glad to say though the weather has not been quite perfect all the way here he has done very well - he feels somewhat better in himself and certainly is brighter, and sleeps better & with more restfulness. There is slight diminution of fever but it is rather early to expect much benefit in that way as yet.

The "Roue" if punctual should arrive in Plymouth on the 29th and I propose to take him off there and get him to Woolstone straight away.

P.S. on inquiry at P.O. office I find that the Roue may be in Plymouth on Friday 29th (Lardner) & William T. J.

P.O. "Cathay"
off Brindisi

20 Apr. 93

Dear Lady Longmore,

You will have had our telegram which we sent off from Alexandria saying that Willie was sailing on Tuesday from there. I hope you will also get in due course the telegram I hope shortly to send off from Brindisi telling you that we change there into the "Roue" & come on by Long Sea.

My letter of some 10 days ago will have explained to you that Willie was rather ill & pulled down by the last chill he got on the Nile and that if he did not rapidly improve, getting him out of Egypt as soon as possible. Last Sunday while down in the country I got a wire from Blandwith and then

I think this better than going on to London as it will get him home a day sooner and will avoid the fatigue & bother of the journey across London from Tilbury to Waterloo. I would ask you to make preliminary arrangement for having an invalid carriage ready at Plymouth to go straight through to Southampton - if he improves very much on the way home it will be unnecessary but

I think we should be prepared to give him every little benefit of rest etc. When we get to Gibraltar I will send you a final wire saying whether the invalid carriage is required or not: I shall do it by Coder

Venus will mean "invalid carriage required"
Verbena "invalid carriage not required"

I am writing to Jack from Brindisi to meet us at Gibraltar - he should be

here on the afternoon of 24th or early on 25th.

I understand that Mrs. Welch is at Plymouth. would you ask her to have a small supply of fresh eggs and milk with some chicken jelly ready to meet us here for use in the train, though of course I know you will think of all that yourself.

Willie is sending a line so I need not say any more. I hope you are all well & not allowing yourselves to be cast down too much by our present bad luck.

Sincerely yours

W. H. P. Pabham

I have had to write home some letters with pressing answers so I hope you will not mind my having asked my correspondents to make use of your address for forwarding the replies to me. This as your home will be the first we shall come to.

W.H.P.

for him & was lying down
& he looked fairly comfortable
but I am anxiously waiting
a telegram from Alexandria
saying how he got down.

I have sent his baggage
after him - as there was
not time to get him to
take it with him we only
had a few hours notice
to get all ready etc.

King & King are sending
all the baggage to Suay
to right to meet the "Home's"
P.O. so that it ought to arrive
with him. I have had it addressed
to D. Longman & D. Graham

(2 pp.)

L. 54/167

Cloughton House

Cairo April 17th 1893

Dear Lady Longman

I must write

& tell you although you
will probably have heard
from D. Graham by this)

that your son Mr. Longman
left Cairo this morning.

He was very weak indeed
& had a temperature of
103°8. however the doctor

Thought it wiser to get
him out of Cairo. He
has been Three weeks
in my little home here
& we are very sorry to
lose him. More so as
he is not going away
well. I do hope he will
pick up when he gets
to the Sea Air - There
seems no other trouble
but this temperature so
we are all hopeful.
Mr. Graham was able

to get leave to take him
which was a great blessing
and I hope by the time
he reaches you he will
have improved. It was
very distressing to me to
see him go like that
Such a dear good man
he is - everybody ^{here} is so
fond of him.
We got him down to the
train all right. & as it's
a nice cool day I don't
expect he would find the
3½ hours journey very trying
he had a carriage reserved

P. 2. 17 Apr. 1893

Passenger - & C/o Sir Thomas ^{L. 54/167}
et. as between the two ^{day}
passengers 6 cut is allowed.
+ we thus save expense.

The Savards would not pack
in so I am taking care of
them, if you like - I can
bring them when I come
home in June. I hope
I have done all he wanted
me to do. I find everything
will be right.

I will drop Dr. Graham a
line on the chance of its
catching him at Brinkley
telling him to look out for

the luggage.

I expect you will feel
very anxious until
he arrives - I feel very
sorry for you all but
I can't help feeling
it will be all right &
that he will pick up a
good deal en route
& there, no place like home
one needs to be at home
to get well - I do hope
he may soon recover
this attack & be himself

again

If you would kindly let
me hear of his arrival
I should be most grateful

Believe me Dear Lady Longman

Yours Sincerely

Helen Thomson

P.S.

I just hear that the luggage
can't be got off today
because of the "by rain"
holidays. So it will be a
week later.

Z 54/168

Brindisi - Thursday

Dearest Mother

I thought I would add a line to Grams, but my bunk is not a good place to write in. I got on board & have since been ~~been~~ perfectly comfortable. Improved ^{already} in various ways especially eating & sleeping & on the big boat shall probably be better off still.

Shall see Jack at Gt

Won't add more than love
to all
Will

There is just heaps to write
about but I'm half asleep.
I wrote to Mrs Wright & told
her to write to you direct
about Mr Carter, one at
a time I think is best, whe-
ever both the child should
I think stipulate for quar-
terly payments in advance
as a right thing -

Cannes is lovely now, flower-
perfect - Dr Frank in a dirty
old cloak driving about in a
jammed old smelly hired coupe
is too funny -

Best love to Rosie & to all
I'll write fr. Lit. or the
Bally Isles if they keep a
post box.

Ever dear

Your son -
Will.

254/169
Grand Hotel
Cannes.
My. 4. 96.

Dearest Mother.

I've got yours of 14th.
Rosie & Mrs Parsons from
Sir W.R. Brown today. We
got in last night late to
lovely rooms here & a lovely
day today. I've done a lot
of cleaning, some shopping &
seen a good deal of Dr Frank
& tea with Lady Agnes &
Helan. Dr Frank thinks me
looking well & says stick
to the yacht anyhow, for
once in to May who can tell
what week will be warm
or cold & it would avoid
exposure & travelling coming
direct home. I'll see.

We go off to-day tomorrow
+ are bound for Majorca
+ Minorca + some small
islands. Only write Git.
up to 26th ~~th~~ I don't
know any other address. I
fear you may hear of me
for some ^{to} days or more for
the Balearic Isles don't
offer much postal facilities,
I fancy. The yacht is splendid
+ I like a lovely cabin and it
ought to do me good, weather
looks fine. I've not yet got
parcel, but it will very likely
come this evening + I've not
been to yacht since 2 o'clock.
(It's not past bedtime). If it
don't come the parcel will go
to Git, I've got coat + lots of
warm things.

This has been rather a touching

evening for the Kietter children
and Anne Kietter are sad at
my going + tears are cheap.
It is a queer plunge from one
society into another. I feel
anxious in every way, ex-
cept kindly hearts + sym-
pathy.

I've sent off two Beris or
Basque caps as they are called
here, a box of flowers to
you + a wire of love to
Nita + please tell her
with ^{my} best love ~~that~~ to cut
her wisdom teeth on them.
I meant to have written a line
to her + to Jack, but I hadn't
a minute all day + it's very
late. I was much grieved to
hear about King Diffe from
Berthe for is a very nice
fine fellow + was very kind
in looking after me.



FRANK & SPENCER, London.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Message.....

Office Stamp.

If the accuracy of an Inland Telegram be doubted, the telegram will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being reckoned as $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Charges } £ s. d.
to pay }



Handed in at the

Alexandria

Office at

5 pm 3. 20/

Received here at

3. 43/

TO {

Longmore

Woodstone Hants

Infusio Cathay

Leaving on the 17th by the Steamer Cathay

Time at Alexandria is 2 hours later than at London

L. 54/170

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.



H. K. & S. SCOTTISWOOD, London.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Telegram.....

Office Stamp.



If the accuracy of an Inland Telegram be doubted, the telegram will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being reckoned as $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Charges } £ s. d.
to pay }

Handed in at the

Brindisi 20-12-50

Office at

1-40p

Received here at

1. 53p

TO { *Longmore Woolstone*
Southants

L 54/171

Ingenue Rome optio

Leaving on the 21st by the Steamship Rome

Posting letter by this mail

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.



STAR & SPOTTISWOODE, London.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

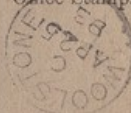
No. of Telegram.....

If the accuracy of an Inland Telegram be doubted, the telegram will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being reckoned as $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Charges
to pay }

£ s. d.

Office Stamp.



Handed in at the

Gibraltar 6-30

Office at

7-35

.M.

Received here at

7-54

.M.

TO

Langmar Worlstone

I 54/172

Deus domini well

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.



BYE & SCOTT, London.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Telegram.....

If the accuracy of an Inland Telegram be doubted, the telegram will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being reckoned as $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.



Charges }
to pay } £ s. d.

Handed in at the

Stoke Newington Denny

Office at

6.25 P.M.

Received here at

6.52 P.M.

TO

Longmore Washburne Southampton

2.54/173

*Railway
Evening*

*settled
late*

*vessel
will*

*arrives
do*

*Friday
best*

Welch

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.



WILLIAMS & SON, LTD., London.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Telegram.....

Office Stamp.

If the accuracy of an Inland Telegram be doubted, the telegram will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being reckoned as $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Charges
to pay

£ s. d.



Handed in at the

Stoke Damerel

Office at

Devonport

Received here at

3 4 1/2

TO

Longmore

Wrookstone

Southampton

Letter this morning railway enquired
progress will wire result

Welch Wellesley House
Devonport

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.



BYRN & SPOTTISWOODE, London.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Telegram.....

Office Stamp.

If the accuracy of an Inland Telegram be doubted, the telegram will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission; any fraction of 1d. less than $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being reckoned as $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Charges
to pay }

£ s. d.



Handed in at the

Plymouth Rd

Office at

5-50

.M.

Received here at

6-00

.M.

TO {

Langmore Woolstone Southampton

L 54/175-

*Ship arrives about eight leave
here eleven tomorrow morning
arrive Woolstone six
Langmore*

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.



EVER & SPOTTISWOODE, LONDON.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Telegram.

Office

If the accuracy of an Inland Telegram be doubted, the telegram will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being reckoned as $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Charges }
to pay }

£ s. d.



Handed in at the

Plymouth Friary SW9

Office at

8-25

.M.

Received here at

9-5-a

.M.

TO {

Lady Langmore Woolstone

L 54/176

*Arrived
two*

*all
o'clock*

right shall reach

Woolston

Graham

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.



RYAN & SPOTTISWOODE, London.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Telegram.....

Office Stamp.

If the accuracy of an Inland Telegram be doubted, the telegram will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than 3/4d. being reckoned as 3/4d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Charges
to pay

£ s. d.



Handed in at the

Millbridge

Devon

at

10-6^u

Received here at

10-35^u

TO {

Langmore Woolstone Southampton

L 54/177

Expect them one fifty four
train.

Welch

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.



BYE & SPOTTISWOODE, London.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Telegram.....

Office Stamp.

If the accuracy of an Inland Telegram be doubted, the telegram will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than 1/2d. being reckoned as 1/2d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Charges }
to pay }

£ s. d.

Handed in at the

Southampton

Office at *12-00* .M.

Received here at *12-12* .M.

TO {

S. L. Langmore Woolstone Southampton

2.54/178

Only well

saw Welch

Jack

Willie doing

He was at the Hydrom dance the other.
It would have been funny if Rosie
had gone & met him there. He said
that Maude had told him when she
met at Winchester that Uncle Charlie
had been promised a letter at A. H. & C.
shot & expected an app't. in this
autumn - I hope it is so, but it is
curious we have none of us heard of
it. I have to post this tonight as the
just put it in as it is. My throat
is really a good deal more
comfortable than when I started
& I think cough is less, tho' it is
really rather soon to expect much.
I do hope you have all kept well since
I left, tho' I don't think the weather
will off going quite close to the
have improved much. I hope S. H. &
got down all right, I think they rather
enjoyed their day in London. You might
ask Robert Wood down some time. Poor
little chap, I think he is down on his luck.
Best love to Father & to you all.

Yours Will

I sent an i-cod by
Rosie.

S. S. Caledonia 54/179
Just getting four of the Bay
Sunday morning

My dear Mother

When I looked out yesterday morn.
we had just passed the Start Lighthouse
& as I missed the pretty part of the
Devon coast I intended to look out for.
We were very close to the Start, as it was
fine & clear could see every inch of
the coast. We did not go in to Plymouth
but manoeuvred about outside, a little
bit of squawger I think, but it gave
us very pretty views of the town &
harbour & Mt. Edgcombe. We dropped
the pilot & some officials & then steamed
off going quite close to the Eddy stone
& thro' a large fishing fleet, some
trawling, some lying to & sailing back
towards Plymouth.
It is dull, cloudy & has been raining very
hard to day & there is a bigish swell
on here, tho' one feels it singularly
little on this big ship. Also tho' she

is going 16 1/2 knots there is very little
vibration from the screws.
Monday night.

We had rather a nice service yesterday
morning taken by two very opposite
looking ~~last~~ persons, one a very far
jolly white bearded old Irishman & the
other a dried up old scotch dean. This
day has been rather nasty, not really
rough, but the wind dead ahead
& a bigish swell. It is wonderful, as
I think I said before, how little one
feels it on this ship, but I felt rather
uncomfortable for a few hours today.
However we have safely got over
dinner & a sporting old gentleman
is singing comic songs very lustily to
keep up our spirits. before going to rest.
He are to be in at Spit. at 10 o'clock to-
morrow, if all is well & I should think
would stay till about 2 o'clock. I shall
go & see the Smith Reuses I think.
The poor fellows will be glad to get

home. The poor girl Ina, is very
ill indeed & I should not think to
live thro' the winter. I think her
yellow is nice, but not very easy to
get inside of. Mrs. I. had been at
Dartmouth for a couple of days & said
she had hoped to get over to see you,
but I told her you had gone to Swange.
We were talking about Mr. Stevens & it
struck me that I had not seen her
tho' she had been in Dartmouth all the
summer!
There are curiously few people I know on
board this steamer & of course like
everything else it reminds one of
last year & how low hopeful we felt
after going on shore at Spit. The young
Nicholsons were on board & several
children who helped to keep us alive.
There is rather nice music going on
which makes it rather hard to write.
Capt. Knight in my cabin sings & helps to
keep things going. He knows Rollo Grimston

Miss Benson in my
to day continue very
ill & poor Nettie is a
bit over done with car-
-ing for her. We have
the Assonan nurse coming
come to day as nurse.
Minnie is partly engaged.
The enclosed photo shows the
effects of sun & shade in
an Egyptian picnic. The
fruits are great big citrons.
Well, I must close dear
& write one or two more.
Ever, dearest,

Your loving son
Will

How does C. do it?
He is a cork!

Have been reading a lot of
Harrar ~~my~~ Hotel
Beverly Stow! Mar. 5. 94
much is delightful.

My dearest Mother. ^{I 54/180}

Writing every two
day prevents me hav-
ing a great deal to say
but I know you'll like
to hear, so scribble a line.
I notice you refer twice
to a young Colman who
died here on a dahab.
He was with his father &
5 sisters & they had a
doctor with them, an
elderly man who has of-
ten been out before & was
with the Duke of Sutherland
& others, so I did not see the
one at all.

He has a cousin of my friend Walter Colman who has B- out here & who relieved me when I left Port Said, now in practice in London, & ever & r. delicate too. The whole family I hear r. delicate.

I had a lighter letter from Mme Rieter a few days ago. Little Fritz much stronger again, but she was longing for Egypt for him.

Also a letter fr. Alice R. Bram fr. Biarritz. Terribly stormy Atlantic weather, gales & rain & they were very soon returning to Astoria & going to fix out the Lya

as soon as possible & expect to be a good deal on the Continent as the ones have a new l. rater.

We have had a solemn confab. & consult. with Canney today over poor me & they decide on a bit of a change. Professor Sayce has not come down yet & so if he does not turn up soon I'll jiff off on one of the steamers somewhere for a week. It is chiefly indigestion & loss of appetite we hope to repair & that I don't seem to be able to get back here at all properly.

to its being fine all went very well
all the presents in the Billiard Room
Cabe Champagne, & etc in the Dining
Room, Aug. Dieber & Ellen Barber to
the front - poor old Borchert - was
in Church, & I had a little Chal-
with - him going in - About 120
people at a table - the house afterwards
John started off at 4 to 4 in style in
Crichton's Carriage with a Coachman
& Carriage from for once in their
married lives, if never again - I'll
send you the paper with list of
presents &c - They had many very
nice ones & one of 200 in Cheques!
I think I told you I gave him a
travelling Bag - Harry gave them a
Copper Coal Scuttle "by desire" made
in his works, Charlie a very
nice little tea Basket - I'll
pack up with his undergarments

Northstone L 54/182

April 23^d ^{suppose}
as it's just - O'clock 1 a.m.

My dearest Will

I am here in the
study in my dressing gown awaiting
Rosie & her sisters who are
all going to a dance given in
the Masonic Hall by Sunday
"Spirits" - I did not find the
key of the door & so I
don't feel inclined to go to bed
& leave it - I've locked as father
& I have done dozens of times
so I've got all ready except
taking off my garments & they won't
be here now in a very short time.
Everything went off as well
as possible yesterday - we
were too ready down power, which

I had heard once or twice in
the night, but the glass was
trying to rise, & about 11 the rain
stopped & by the time we started
at 1.45 it was bright - but
meaning warm - Susie, Charlie
their boys & Julia went down
in one carriage - Rosie took
Charlie & I in another & Jack
& Hal together looking to their
dear boys - They had got the
Church very nicely decorated
with flowers, partly their Easter
decorations & partly fresh, the
Czechs did it chiefly - &
Col. Cunningham very kindly
undertook all arrangements
at the Church & was very
good - Mita looked very nice
her Cousin Mr Hamilton Fletcher

gave her away - Jack spoke up like
a true hearted Jack - Mita too did her
part nicely & with all reverence
C.M.O. as usual, took the service very
nicely & gave them a very nice & very short
address, they had "The Ring of Love by Stephens
as" afterwards "The Perfect Love" - I had
not heard it since 20th Sep. 93 - but I
was thankful that they had it - to an-
other time & did it - I will know it -
So the bit of feeling on the musical
part of me helped me thro' it - it was
such a perfect hymn I'm glad they
had it & cared to have it, but
to me it can never be anything
but inexpressibly sad. Corrie
& Lily, Blenkinsopp, & a tiny pretty
little Cousin of 3½ were Bridesmaids
& the tiny Bridesmaid & Regie were
train bearers & very pretty they looked
holding one another's hands & clinging
on to Mita's tail with the others ^{as}
if their lives depended on it. - Mita

to do with such an Sneezy as
Typhoid is too far for it - to the source
& tho' it may do some harm to have
the fact of Typhoid there spread about
it - would do much more harm
they did not also hear that every-
thing that - Caudle done is
being done. I feel almost - sure
I have felt - all the winter thro'
that - what caused Typhoid with
some of the people, has been at -
the bottom of your trouble too, I
have felt - this in my bones & I
don't believe I'm far out - so I
hope I shall hear that - a lot will
be done there. The Photos have
come safely & are beautiful - as to
do anything with - them or keep
them till you come? I'll send
the 10/6 to Sir A. Bouver. I wrote
to this Mr Bull to ask I should send
him the 10/6 for his Subscription, or if not

send him £10 to help his expenses
I paid all his fees & steps, so I
did my best - to let him be married
free of expense - Harry made an
excellent best man, & when
he all came away he stayed
& helped Mr Davis with a
tea to the Choir & so on.
Charlie Elcum came & stayed
at the De's - he is so very nice
to me, he is so all but he's
down right - good to me - Noice
was here for the wedding
which I was very glad off.
Jacob's friend Mr. Master A. J.
came from Aldershot - as
representative of C. Man. &
J. had telegrams both from
A. S. C. & East Lancashire.
Those sort of days are meanfully

but I was all right & with no head
ache. Your letter dear of the 13th
has come this morning. Maubro
dear for all you say about Jack.
I have tried hard for him I know
but as he grew older, Col. Fothergill
helped him a lot, & his Chamunief
with reverence for Father in
the later days helped a lot to, &
God gave the increase. I thank
him often for his helping the
honourable means by which we
tried to help him - ~~Maubro~~
Dear Maubro will be very tenderly
dealt with by Jack - if the
He will only help him on in
the straight way - & I believe
he really wants to do so & loves him
much so I trust - there is much
happening before them - poor

Child! The sent Council over
yesterday morning to ask me if I
like her bouquet - to put to Maubro
"She'd like it - to if I loved", so
Council & Mrs. Hutton went over &
took it. There, it was all made
up of white-Rose buds & fern.
I'm glad to get yours & to know
you are fairly well over your
grievance - also Maubro for letters
& Dr. P. Mayo's - I am dreadfully
sorry for the Beasons, such an
amount of trouble & anxiety
all at once - I thank Dr. P. for
a splendid letter in all ways
so well expressed, & I repeat -
Matters as well to the Co. as I
should say he has done, you
Luxor & Tourist - generally a
very good man - the only thing

Charlie is going over there
 this afternoon with them to
 some races tomorrow -
 Yesterday he went with C.
 Eileen & a boy he had with
 him, & Hal Fullon, all on
 Bikes - first to Beaulieu
 from the - then Lynnhill
 & Milford - then to Ringwood
 where they found they could catch
 no train back for Charlie & Hal
 till the mail - So Charlie &
 took them all to Lord J. Manners
 about 1/2 mile - there they gave
 them all dinner, & Lord J. M.
 sent his Coachman to the
 Milford Station to catch a
 train that got in to the docks
 at 10.20! I was sitting in
 a bed at 10.10

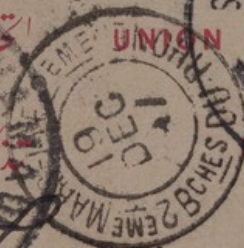
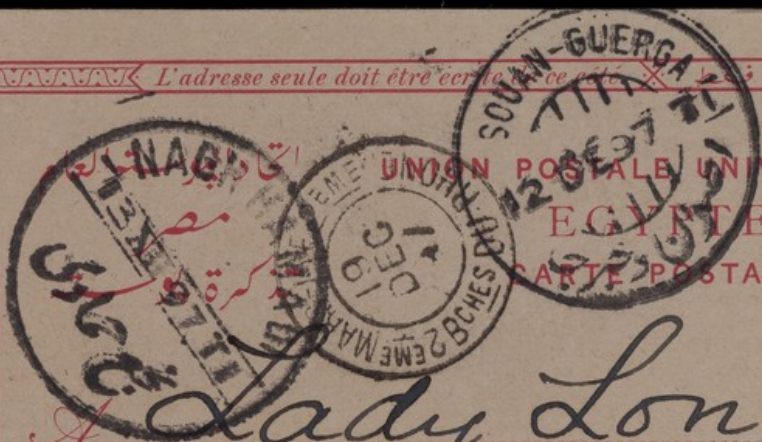
Mrs. Kullons' Butler appeared
while we were studying the
train books. Charlie appeared
Hal having gone on - they'd
had a "tipping time", but the
train was the muddle -

Hal has grown such a
nice boy - his mother's charming
I always think

Much love dearest -
to the

your ever loving
Mother

L'adresse seule doit être écrite en français. لا يجوز العنة ان يكتب بالفرنسية.



UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



Lady Longmore
J. S. Clyde pour Alexandria
% Agent de P. & O. Cie
Marseille
France.

Luxor. Sunday.

L 54/181 12th.
[Sept. 1897]

I have written a P.C. to Cook
Marseilles too to say I have been
decidedly fitter for some days. I
can't hear yr. plans till after this is gone,
which is a pity, but I shall be thinking
v. much of you during yr. journey &
hope that "land & sea" will prove kind-
ly to you. The summer house for lunch &
tea, I've built at Karnak is a ¹st success.
All plans & arrangements working out well
W