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To T. W. M. Longmore, from various, 1890-7
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Phos. Cook

Frieden

'W. G.'

Gairdner

'W. E.-K.'

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Weisman

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Park Said 7 July 91

Dear Sir

Handing you the present
to inform your kindness that it
is very near 10 years that I supply at
the high class of Gentlemen and
Ladies in this town with fresh milk
therefore I take the liberty of offering my
good services to you for Hospital
supplies at the rate of -/5 per
liter. A deposit of £20 I offer to
leave where your kindness pleases.
Hoping that your goodness will be
going to do some good for me
undimmed as in duty bound I will
for ever pray and declare to be dear

Sir your devoted servant

Charles Agius

From a Maltese vendor
of goats' milk!

Since which I trust the worst is past. In case of
 it I am sure. He told me of the death of two
 dear old people. When he sent those letters
 I feel so sure, their husbands will find new
 grief in reading their letters.
 I had a nice collection of cards & letters
 so I did you. It seems I have been disappointed
 letters & parcels every day. But when will you
 have them? There seems no certainty. I had
 the large box down to Mr. Hillman asking
 him to send them by first ship going and
 the last two sets I have sent to Corvair
 about the letters two packets two p.c. & all
 Miss Taylor went down to Jeffrey Christie's son
 through all that gale shut up in a Dublin cage
 with David wife & children & all their belongings
 what a small when I heard of your letters in going
 that for so long. This is a beautiful letter second
 callous. Since it's running post twice my dear
 you will let us hear again from you? Please
 think of thanking us for your sad letter. I
 shall always have a tender feeling about
 it so very for your illness. But so glad to
 hear from you & had you for a p.p.
 And feel sure that all is for the best
 I hope or wishes us something we needed.
 I shall not say how much I wish the news
 from every thing you. In new health
 New hopes. I perhaps the Fulfillment
 of old wishes is the constant wish
 of your very sincerely
 Mary A. Clark.

E. T. Hospital Dec 30th 1891

Dear "sh p p."

Ever had so longed for news of you
 and have only just received it.
 What a sad time for you. I try to hear
 again from Carlos. I cannot be too
 glad you got away when you did.
 You have been through such a time
 such grief, such a deep sorrow
 and now sharp frosts. What has come
 to "Dallachini"? Such weather was never
 known. I will begin with my return
 which by the way lasted until I believe
 Sunday. I was two days across & such a
 storm. And I am ashamed to confess
 I was such a coward. It was dark
 half way for hours. I was constantly
 seeing figures moving out of the shade
 and making me jump into the air.
 I would not have the flaps down & sat up
 like a man, disbelieving of all reports.
 You saw how much I have done. That
 I took up with Hamilton & his old story
 but I hope to keep you in my memory
 as it is I know that. I think this day
 has fled I am not finding moving the
 and the time was my bed without us

Monday, I got back from Boston and
have slept here in Boston since. It
too abundant to feel so secure of that
improbable wisdom. It rained in
Boston Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, & so
deep that it was hard to move.
"Fine" times I had. I have what the
"Native" is "cold weather without sun."
So I have cleared the word "Warm."
Xmas day I ploughed my way to the 10. am
service. The Church was heated by the
Camp. My pretty decorated tables
looked like a Christmas tree. Every body & child
very happy. The 10. am service & the 12. noon service.
Satisfactory was better. I think we are
beginning to "dry up" a little but much
sun remains. For Miss L. I think
Sunday is bad. She feels the cold much.
The singing is like an oven. There
is a better time up you. I am too &
I'm out plenty of heart.
Then good of you I have the 10. am photo.
It appeared at breakfast this morning
photo took our pilot. I've presided
at all our meals & as Miss L.
Bird was the only one who remains

with her in the afternoon for dinner.
I managed to decorate a little
from my own pins & flowers
but not much. In May I saw
all ladies with snow like thick-
et. I addressed the Dicksons - all sent to
me with love. In an evening my
sister, remembered by them all & much
sympathy has been given to
a Sunday School on a subscription with
Mrs. Dickson & Edward & Hannah or "Pam"
Pam. Can any girl & woman, I mean
quite well who has had her
sister's life & then I had the last hours.
And today I'm going up on Gray to see the
"Big" - Tomorrow Thursday I'll be there
with the women. Friday I expect to
start with Mrs. Laidley to a picnic for
a week. We intended going on Friday
but Mrs. Dickson's children were ill the night
of & was in I think. Now I go independent
of Mrs. D. She may come later. I go as a
duty promised to my "about half"
from whom I got the letter which Friday
for 20 days. What a swelling I took
by last week. Now I am not appearing
to be less than yesterday about & down to
Southampton & back. In fact, I'm thank-
ful I am. They will not be of my sad

you will accept in accordance with our understanding, as also my thanks for having kindly undertaken my work and set me free, though fate was adverse to yourself.

Work is still light as we are having wet bowing weather at intervals: I suppose you are quite in summer now.

We are all well. Miss Lushy has some hopes of getting to Egypt towards the end of the season if only they will remove quarantine.

With kind regards and hoping to hear a good account of you soon.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

W. C. C.

My Steamer was to have started on
Jan 14th; so that I should have got out
by the end of January, as I had intended;
but she was delayed 6 days at Liverpool
which made me just on a week later. I
had three days at Port Said and a bad
landing at Jaffa on Feb 7th; my heavy
baggage not being able to be put ashore;
so it has gone on a fresh round.

I am much better for my holiday at
home where there was some nice frosty
weather & skating also I got a little
hunting, but business, visits & frost
interfered so much with the latter that
I got comparatively little of what I had laid
out for.

With regard to your account of
expenses, the unfortunate quarantine has
much to answer for. I see you have
omitted the stop which I found here.
I propose to send you a cheque for
a month and half's work which I hope

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NOVEMBER 1st. 1890.

Dr. T. W. M. Longmore

Woolstone.

nr. Southampton.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your proposed journey up the Nile. We desire to point out that it is desirable you should take out your own case of instruments and especially the following would be required.

- 1 Morphia Syringe (Hypodermic).
- 1 Stethoscope.
- 1 Clinical Thermometer.

Yours truly,

Thos. Cook & Son

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Dear Mr. Longmore.

Are you back from
Egypt? We should be
delighted to see you - & could
with-pleasure put you up.
So if you are within hail
do come. Ever y^r. sincerely

E. Anna Fielden.

W. Longmore.

P.J.G.

M^{rs} Fielden

at Home

Wednesday, July 22nd

4 till 7.

Nutfield Priory.

R.S.V.P.

Hungarian Band.

M. Macintosh.

Miss Kennedy.

to have to hunt up something else.
 If you have not filled yourself in to
 some billet before the winter I quite
 hope you will come down here and
 stay with me for the last part of my
 time. They say November and December
 are not at all bad months here and
 they certainly are excellent for shooting.
^{shows is that it}
 They ~~are~~ ^{are} most probable that we
 shall have some more fighting here
 in the winter, if so that would be an
 additional attraction and I have
 no doubt we could find something
 for you to do. We had a small expedition
 or rather a cavalry patrol about a month
 ago. Beech took 70 men horses up
 the Berber road with the view of dispersing
 some tribesmen and a few leading
 drinkers who were collected there trying
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29 miles from here which was the farthest that the English
got in 84-85 (with their Cavalry) up to here the road is
not very bad but immediately beyond it becomes nothing
less than a mountain gorge - the dry bed of a torrent: fearful
going for the horses who stumbled anyhow over burning rocks
and boulders with scarcely the sign of a track. We had got
on for 5 or 6 miles from Tadmor when we captured some
natives coming down who said the Derwishes heard we were
coming & had just had reinforcements from Berber sent by
the Khalifa and had made up their minds to fight us: we
had nearly 40 miles to the next well and this was 5 p.m.
an hour later we saw a rather our scouts saw 2 of the Derwish
Camel men who had evidently been watching us but as soon as
they were seen themselves made off into the hills - although
Nesher tried hard until it was dark we could not get them &
they escaped - it looked as if we were caught in a trap for we could then
had no chance at all against their william in a gorge such as we were in.
However Nesher went on and some time after dark we got to
a rather more open place ^{& bivouacked for some hours}: kept one $\frac{1}{2}$ troop saddled and the other
furnished pickets which Nesher & myself went round every hour - it
was a pitch dark night & of course no lights; however the Arab did not
come down and we pushed on as soon as the dawn showed; the
horns were very done - had had no water since noon the day
before & had had 5 hours hard marching in the sun afterwards
& we were now starting for 20 miles over the most villainous
road to the top of water - we laid it off about 10 o'clock and it was a
sight to see the horses struggle for it - poor beasts it had been fearfully
hot - what wind there was, like a furnace blast - 115° in the shade
at 7 a.m. and their tongues and lips blistered & scorched by the heat
of their bits (men: why don't they ride without bits or with wooden
ones here). We got to this place (Ostaid) where our spies arrived
about 3 hours before us - they found the Derwish outpost there and
these latter left to join their people barely an hour before we got there.

of the very worst travelling you can imagine and were very short of water even for our small force so it would be difficult for any larger number to get up. Another thing that surprises me is the attempt to carry the railway to Herber - as far as we went the road lay in the dry bed of a mountain torrent and how any one could have expected the rail way to last against the floods that come down 8 or 10 times a season is inconceivable to the mind not gifted with engineering in security - even in the comparatively open country above Hamdud one sees how what was (so) has been washed away. From Tamberk to Oshid it is a rise all the way; at the first place we were some 2300 - 2400 ft high with much more vegetation and a great variety. I saw 2 small animals of the deer tribe - Beebe said they were Dig-dig & he saw a lot in Abyssinia; awfully hard some little beggars smaller than gazelle with a rougher coat & a delicate pinkish grey colour to the neck - the does without horns though the bucks have small ones. I did not know they were found so far

Some friendly Arabs we found there with their flocks told us that there were 70 horsemen and 300 spear & rifle men up the road, that they had filled in the next well (Haratin) and fallen back to the one beyond (Kokereh) thus leaving us 40-50 at least to march before getting our next water & that they meant to fight us short of Kokereh in a narrow gorge where they were making explosives etc on the hill sides. Beebe thought they were speaking the truth even less and in the face of tired horses - no infantry - along march to water & bad cavalry fighting proved determined to go back & I don't see what else he could do if he wanted to get out rather a nasty mess - so we went back on our tracks as fast as we could & got into Hamdud (where we had left our transport) the next day but one. It was wonderful the way those little Arab horses lasted - we lost two (dropped down dead in their tracks) and the rest barely crawled in but next day they pulled up wonderfully & we continued the patrol visiting the wells to the north. It is no wonder that English horses could not get beyond Tamberk - from there we had done something like 90 miles.

North, however Beech was certain of it. I am sorry we could not get further on the road as I should very much have liked to get to the highest part of the pass which is said to be about 4000 ft. and has almost luxuriant vegetation; however before we got quite $\frac{3}{4}$ of the distance to Berber which is not bad for a first attempt & without transport. Since I wrote to you last I have hit off a new caeset-saddle for this country which Rogers will adopt I think for the S.E. Of course we always buckle about our own pet hobby but I think it is much simpler than the present regⁿ one and certainly is much lighter - saving something like 82 lbs. wt. a consideration for the camels on a long journey in this kind of travel. The men also say it is more comfortable and is some improvised ~~man-~~ ^{which} ~~made~~ ^{made}, carried the side camp, from Tokar without any hitch or complaint. We have also got leave for a small camel detachment of the medical corps and I am buying camels for it now; if you come down in the winter I shall hope to show it to you "Tammam" as they say in the language. I think it will be very useful for small expeditions and patrols; and we shall try & turn it out "Kwessy".

My last experience of camel travelling a week ago was disastrous. Beech started down to Tokar with a troop of Cavalry one evening intending to march by the moon - about 1 a.m. a fearful dust storm came on which rapidly became a regular gale with the result that they got hopelessly lost in the desert bush and only managed to get to Waggah in the coast ^{early} on the 3rd day; thus 2 ~~whole~~ days without water - they lost 20 horses some camels & baggage and a servant boy. - I did not fore-very much better - leaving him the day after the storm with a servant and a guide we got on all right for rather more than half way - the guide seeing I knew the way as far as we went lapped behind (this was in the morning - during the night I had kept him carefully in front to prevent his bolting) as the way of these lazy dandy beggars is, we got into some deep sand drifts. The result of the storm and my camel got exhausted & dropped down - looking back I saw my servant boy's camel had taken panic & would not face the sand & ended by bolting with him in a dangerous looking way - tried to follow him but my camel would not get up so that I

that I left in his charge. ~~Not~~ many English
servants would have done that. And
the luck of the thing so bad too. I had not
intended to take him thinking it a little
^{after the sandstorm} risky, and that I could easily borrow another
fellow's servant for the day as I was in
Tokar and so told him not to come;
however when I got outside the gate of the
Town there he was wanting to come saying
^{in his journeying that} it was not proper for any English Officer to
travel without a servant: he was so anxious
that I was obliged to give way & put him on
the guide's camel leaving the latter to get
along with his baggage and (which turned out
afterwards to be the best of the lot) and this
was the reward of his willingness to come with me
to this of thirst in the desert & eat & josh!

Many thanks for your offer of an French
burgery - I shall be very glad of one indeed -
we have one here as an office copy but I
have not one of my own - please thank
your Father for it much. I hope he is ^{improving}
going strong now the cold weather is over.
He will be an irreplaceable loss to the Regt. I
fear but I suppose it is necessary he should
take matters more easily - I am very glad
however that I did my course there before he
went - he will not be at all without him.

had to stand fuming & cursing all the camels
& guides in existence: after waiting nearly
2 hours & seeing no use of guide or servant
I thought they must have got past me without
seeing them among the sandhills & tried to
get on but my brute would not move and the
end of it was I had to drag & drive him ^{if mounted} between
20 & 25 miles through that beastly sand & salt
reaching Tokar with 4 good loads than
anything else rather more dead than
alive - the guide got in next day without
my boy whom he said had got thrown off.
The camel ~~remained~~ where he found him:
the boy was to stay there while he went to
find the camel but coming back some
time after the lad had gone and now today
the trackers we sent out have come in saying
they found him dead about 10 miles
from Tokar and the poor fellow had tried
to bring in with him some of my things
which were on his camel: he was a big
boy before he left and such a good fellow.
You can imagine how cut up one feels &
thinks after words of things which might
have saved him if we had known; think
of the honest fellow nearly dead already, ^{struggling}
along to try & bring in my paltry property

I see that O'Rourke's name was given as being at the A.M.S. dinner
which means I suppose that he is pretty well - have you any
more news of him? What a good thing you must have had
in Syria - your tour is part of one the schemes (finance being legion)
that I have for my leave next year my ideas in that way being
Bagdad, Jaffa, Jerusalem, Cyprus, Athens, Naples, Rome and
the Loire Valley in ^{the same or near the same} France, Vienna, and North Atlantic coast
& think i.e. if I go to England - in fact I should prefer some talk
(though it requires a companion) ~~that is~~ shooting in Abyssinia
and later in Somali Land, the expense of the outfit for the latter
would be rather large I fear but Col. Sager who recently shot 12
lions there in 6 weeks says if you go to the elephant country
& kill one elephant with good trophies it will easily pay the paper.

I sent a couple of hanging birdnets home to Charlie by Taylor.
I don't know the proper name of the birdie - he is a small edition
of the hawk finch ^{in shape} with a red beak and yellow throat & breast - is he
in your book? nobody here knows him though there are any
number of his species in the bush about Tokon.

Glad to hear you are going along pretty well - hope you'll
stick to it and bump that aggressive crop of yours.

Sorry about Miss Morrison but it is to be hoped she'll pull out
all right - whereabouts in Ireland has the Colonel gone to -
I meant to write to him some time ago when ^{I heard} his wife Windy
but the patrol came suddenly on me before I had time to get it
off. Just now there is not much going on professionally - I don't
like operating much here as the wounds don't do as well as
in Cairo and so if there is anything to be done that can wait
I have reluctantly to send them up to Khartoum.

My father has come up to Cairo again to temporarily re-
mand the Cavalry there while Beauchamp is on leave - in
fact we are getting terribly reduced in numbers here and where
a short time ago it was rather a rush to get into a side at-
tack we can not even get up a 3 handed game.

Write soon and let me know how you are getting on - give my love
to the "Sandfly" if you see them again - Bush and the other men, good bye.

up dressing in the greatest variety of
colours possible, every colour & every
shade of it from dark to light & no two
alike hardly. Big straw umbrellas
are dotted about at intervals under
with pink & just pink marks on
the forehead of those who have gone
through the ceremony, & beyond all
the crowd of life, the early morning
sun on the great silver stretches
of the Ganges. Another thing I liked
in Benares was a visit we made to a
"holy man" who lived in a garden.
He is a scholar & philosopher & the gar-
ment of learning in which he is clothed
makes up for the absence of more
material covering! He was really
a charming old man, most effective
the only native I have seen that
I really feel a respect for. I don't
like the natives as a race - at all
of course. They are some good ones.
But I think they are a hopeless
lot cowardly & deceitful & capable
of the most fiendish cruelty & they
will never civilise however much we
go on white washing them with our

SS. Nomo To 55/7
Sney of Aden
(2 pp)
Dear Mr. Longmore.
I got your card all right
before leaving Bombay & I suppose
shall hear from you at Port Said.
But as I shall have time to answer
while we are there I am writing this
now & shall post it there. Anna got
your letter for some little back. I am
so sorry to hear you have been ill
so that again you have not had the
full force of the chance but I hope
you are really better now & that we
shall hear so at Port Said. What
a nuisance that you don't get free
till 12th March - we shall just be
at Brindisi then. A few days on
board would have been jolly &
like old times. What a Xmas &
have had - in a lighthouse at
Alexandria - quite most dramatic
to hear but I dare say not so pleasant
to experience. Your description was
very good - I like the name furnished

our Indian journey without coming
to grief in any way, though Father
had a bad cold the whole time.
You know how careless he can be -
& I was greatly relieved to see the
whole party assembled some time
since, & climb in the 'Roma' last
Saturday. (My writing is more
awful than usual but the ship is
shaking, I am writing on my knee,
& have a brand new quilt which
accounts for it.) Now, the next high-
mare will be Typhoid at Rome
or Naples. I think when we get to
Italy we shall first stay a little
at Naples, then go to Rome for a
month, & by the way if all goes
well ~~arrange~~ Porte Reale, etc.
Rome will find us till the
middle of April. When & how do
you go home. I hear there is a
great expectation of a regular invasion
at Ismailia, at present there are
not very full & have plenty of
room, for there is a big ship,
but it will be a frightful cram
after Ismailia. To go back to where
I wrote last to you - from Darjeeling
I think. After that we went to
Benares. That is interesting & thorough
trip. Nature, of the latter, making a little
goes an uncommonly long way. The
streets were pretty bad. I had to keep
my handkerchief up to my face & longed
for a cigarette. The thing that was
so really delightful there was to
go on the river early in the morning
& sit in basket chairs on a huge
tub of a boat & be paddled slowly
along the river bank of the town.
A medley of palaces, temples, houses
of pink stone, & all more or less
fantastic along the top of the bank.
Fresh flights of steps lead down
from them to the water's edge.
(Here I was interrupted to play deck
crick, & after a disgraceful beating go on
again.) All these steps are crowded
with people in every stage of dress or
undress, some at the edge washing their
selves in their clothes, saying prayers
all through the process, the ones higher
up.

stay out long enough. M. began to feel
green pretty soon. Father was under
greatly tranquil. I longed to make all
mail (4 big ones) for her own account
me then she would go in sleep
gunnle under needles to say any
such aspirations on my part were
hopeless. We left Bombay on the 29th
Feb. & are now (March 4th) en route
a temp. of about 90° in the Red Sea.
The passengers are not meeting
& my little cousin is disappointed
in "getting up things". Last night
I was thrown out of my cabin,
a solid lump of water descended
on me & my head under the port.
Then went snoring about the
cabin floor, & as it is full back.
My cousin leaves Australia about
this time in the P. O. Victoria
& is due at Brindisi near the end
of March. I don't know yet whether
we shall see him in Italy or not.
March 4th Somalia We have had a splen-
did passage & have just exchanged post
at Somalia. We shall get to Port Said

Western ideas. Of course the sight of
Sacknow & Caupore (where we killed
after Benares) helped very much
to heighten one's feelings against
them. There the scenes of the mutiny
become so terribly vivid when you
know what happened on every foot
of ground & hear the details from any
one who was there. Caupore is the
most painful place I was ever in,
at Sacknow there is some relief, some
rays of light through the darkness
of the story but at Caupore it is
only horror, bleak & unmitigated.
Of course to us of this generation
who know nothing of it at the time
it all comes fresh & it is terrible.
Has your Father thought of it?
After that we went to Agre.
That is splendid, the finest things
we have seen are there, in
Architecture & more. I don't put
them before the Him alaga.
I wish you could have been
in the garden of the Taj, it is
the sort of place to enjoy without
talking - that spoils it. It is where

at sunset or by moonlight, you enter from all the glare, dust, noise outside - under a huge red stone vaulted gateway, into a large silent shady garden, the air still, sweet with heavy perfume. Right in front is a water way between two rows of cypresses, at the far end floats the Taj its warm pearl coloured marble seeming to gather up in all the light & look as if it hardly belonged to the earth but had only descended for a time from some less material region.

2nd March. We passed Aden this morning & shall be in the Red Sea tonight. There is a pleasant break in the monotony of the voyage getting letters at Aden & there will be more at Port Said. From here we went to Delhi where we had more Mogul architecture - marble, carvings, inlaid & covered with delicate tracery, & more reminders of the Mughals. Then to Jaipur & Ratan's city built of (apparently) well coloured sandstone & inhabited by people clothed in scarlet.

When we were upon our journey the phantoms with painted faces. Then we stopped at Port Blair a dear little station in a shallow saucer on the top of a hill 5000 ft high. We were pelted up there (16 miles) in canvas boats, old rickshaws by a crew of wild jelling natives amidst clouds of dust. The dust in fact throughout has been a trial & you can judge that M. has felt it keenly. Then we went back to Bombay & stayed there a few days to collect all the various things we had accumulated & get them packed. One evening a man took us out in his junk a good big one 120 tons, lakeen rigged. You can imagine that I thoroughly appreciated the fact that this boat carries about the luggage. Latien said in the fact. The women under all her canvas can heat anything in Bombay. The sails was simply a beauty (I am as enthusiastic as F. brother Harry might be) I have long wanted to be in a lakeen boat. The only thing was we did not

the scene was laid there it
was most successful. We had
wonderful Egyptian garments
with gold fillets on the heads
something like that Princess in
the Museum, made our hair
thick not like hers. Alice & I and
4 other girls had to do a Capital
dance which we rather enjoyed.
The Opera was called "L'opéra" II
was written by two friends of
ours. We acted it last year
but it then ended disastrously
by half the company taking
measles. Our last performance
was a Matinee on Saturday
it seemed very successful
dressing up in rich costumes
dancing much, in the garish
light of day! Had been dancing
till 6.30 the night before so only

L 55/8

(247p)
Broom.
Newton, Mass.
Thursday Jan. 13th

Dear Mr. Longman.

Thank you very much
for your letter which I was glad
to get through. I wish it could
have given better news of you.
I only sent you a card at Christmas
as I was very uncertain as to
whether you would be at home
or not. But I am glad to hear
that you have managed
to get back to that nice sunny
place as you will be able to
enjoy life better there than
under the grey skies we have
here. All the same we have
not had such a bad winter
so far - hardly any cold weather

but rain rain day after day.
I began the winter by starting
a Ladies Hockey Club in this
part of the world not local
some good games but probably
6 weeks we have not been able
to play on account of the
field being an absolute mess.
It is great fun you
would laugh if you saw the
state of mind we are in by
the end of the game - really
covered from head to foot though
we play in skirts of the shortest
sorts of the latest & most
in elegant description. I hope
to begin again this week as
the weather shows some slight
intention of improving but I wish
it would turn to frost & let us
have some skating for a change.

I am glad to say we are all very
well my Father is able to get
out on fine days though he is
not getting any younger alas
his 74th birth day was last
week. Still he enjoys life in
a quiet way and is the
most indefatigable reader I ever
saw. His eyes have been the
time which is considerable. Jim
is very happy & lives in his
house in Glasgow where we
often stay for dinner & so
Anna & her husband live there
besides my other brother
(not the same names but the
same town!) We are here at
a loss for a light lodging.
Last week we were in Egypt
in prehistoric times as we were
acting in an American Opera when

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Got up in time to catch the train
It was the most curious toilette
I ever did. I am afraid you
will think from this description
that I lead a most dissipated
life but really I don't often
do such things! It was the
first for you to leave your
mother & sister staying with
you. I don't know if he
will remember us but give
him a nice message from
us if he does. Remember
what he was like then quite
well but I expect he has
changed a good bit so that
I should hardly recognize
him. Have not heard of
anyone particularly interesting
of our acquaintance going to
Egypt this year. We have a

comin Capt MacFarlane in
the 79th when you might
perhaps meet but they will
probably not stop any time
at Duran on their way to the
front. If you did meet him
you would hardly fail to
see him as he is my
uncle. I am afraid
they seem to be preparing for
a big fight this year in the
Indus but if our friends
must fight I would rather
they were sent there than to
that dreadful mountain dis-
tricting in India. As at least
you feel they have more
idea what they are doing.

Well I must be off to some
other occupation so will bring
this epistle to an end -

With best remembrances from
us all hoping you will take
as good care of yourself as
you can.

I am
yours very sincerely
Marion Gairdner.



M. Law 1897

My dear Langmore,

Just a line before mail
boat leaves to say that I have
had a talk with Nurse Annie,
& as apart from the nursing
to be done she prefers Assouan,
she says the best plan w^d
be for things to slide along

L. 55/9

for the present as they
are, & then she & Miss
Lawrence could arrange
between themselves
when they change, but as
N. M. w^d like to be at
Luxor in the event of there
being some cases there -
perhaps Miss Lawrence w^d
write & let her know as
soon as these arise - in
any case at present matters
will go on as they are
now until the cases arise.

when they can then arrange what sh^d
be done - but you understand Lapan
is quite uninterested & leaves it to
them entirely to arrange providing his
interests are represented at each place.

I am sending him a line to say
that the arrangement will continue
as at present until cases arise.
Love old chap.

Yours W.S.H.

I shall be glad to know if I owe
you any money and if so where
to send a P.O.O. and if
you will leave the parcel (if any)
with Shephard Hall Gate I
will call for it on Wed 7.

Awaiting your answer if this
reaches you and regretting that
you have not been out here again.
I am yours faithfully
Alex^W Johnson

P.S. Mr. Bentley sailed
in the Hyades last Monday



MENA HOUSE

CAIRO.

15 April 1892

My dear Dr. Lingman

I wrote you c/o Cook
but hear since you are stopping
with Sir Colin Moncrieff, and as
the house closes tomorrow there will
be no chance of seeing you at home.
You may perhaps remember I asked
you if you could come across any paper
weights, scarabs & other things to
if you could do so without inconvenience
to bring me some things
from Luxor to the extent of a
pound: or under and in case you
have been able to do so shall
be glad to take them.

I remain here till Wed 7
& an answer here will reach me

L. 55/11

Jerusalem Dec 23rd 1891.

Dear St. Longmore -

Please accept all good wishes for a very happy New Year - one free from illness, I hope & trust. We were so glad of your note yesterday, letting us know you were not killed outright, but now we are longing to hear how you bore the quarantine.

To-day I hope you are safe in Cairo, & enjoying friends & comforts, so as to be in part ready for your Nile journey. Mrs. Cant will have

told you of our weather here, & what a good thing it was you started when you did.

Your packages came last week, two nice books for the American children - "Carrots" & Mrs. Mullesworth, & a bound volume of the "Child's Companion". They were so pleased & touched by your kind thought for them, & will write, I believe. Also the water colours came, & I gave

one to Mr. Miss Morgan & chose one for myself. It is of Calist Castle, bound up with many childish mementoes & so it will always reside in my mind for sundry periods, & be different localities - Jerusalem & the Southampton Water. Thank you so very much for it.

I bought a nice Blue Wood frame for your photo, for 2½ pence, & the remaining ½ pence I gave to Miss Blyth's Yemurites, with some from me. Mrs. Cant was quite delighted, & you presided over our Xmas festivities. Early in the week I gave up all idea of Bethlehem, & in fact was a prisoner for Tuesday till Monday. On Sunday, when fine, a headache kept me in bed. I had a great number of letters & cards, & had a very good happy Xmas Day, with them as chief companions.

All your cards were sent early on Xmas morning.

Things are much worse here since you left, & I very frequently long

for "wings like a dove". As soon as it is warmer & quarantine over, I shall be obliged to move on for a time.

I had a Xmas Present that touched me very much - from a poor Moroccan, whom I had been able to help a little, through the Americans. He sent me a very ancient lamp, a tea bottle, & many old Jewish coins - among them some "Widow's Mites". Was it not good of him, for I had done little? Many thanks to you for your many acts of kindness to me, when here, & for which I shall always have a grateful remembrance.

If I ever get to the Nile, perhaps I may meet you there.

All good New Year wishes, dear Dr. Longman. —

Very sincerely yours
E. B. Laishley

Extraordinary kindness
and attention you have
shown me.

The typical medical
brother officer that we
discussed last night
could not have taken me
in hand better.

The "Bojey Man" shall
be waiting for you when
the "Rauceses III" reaches
Assuan next and you
shall fall on his feet out
of your own into pleasant
working order.

With repeated thanks
Yours very sincerely
D Lewis

IX. SOUDANESE.

L 55/12
Luxor
1st February

My dear Laymore

I enclose you a
cheque for 3 pounds
for your three professional
visits to me at Assuan.

Please don't think
that in doing so
I am wiping off one
particle of the obligation
under which you have
placed me by the

^{Z. 55/13}
Darwood
Crawley
Sussex
April 24th

~~My~~ Dear Longmore

Many thanks for
your letter. I was
unable to trace
anything of the shirt
although I interviewed
your bed room steward
whether he packed
it up with your fellow

passenger things I
cant say. But he
told me he hadnt
seen it. I am very
sorry. not to have
been successful about
it. I hope to see you
again somewhere, if I
happen to be down
at Southampton during
will certainly look
you up. I think my
father knew you.

many years ago at Southern
he was then Commanding
the Royal Artillery there
but it may have been
before that time he has
been on the retired list
since 1870. So long

Yours sincerely

Charles R. Longden

The ship is being laid
up for 5 months so I may
be sent on leave & the
above is my address on shore

who is willing to come
now but might find
a chance to go up the
river. A simple yes,
no, or entertaining would
be sufficient as I have
not yet told people, -
Stokes' telegram arriving
this afternoon.

As to when I would be
willing to wait for
a week or even two if
necessary. As you know
any other likely man? -
Waite is a Cambridge Gra-
duate but has not had
any resident experience.
I have a Boil at the back
of my wrist so won't write
more to-night.

Sincerely yours
J Mac Donald

I did not entertain
proposal
W.L.

L. 55/14

L. S. Hospital
Port Said
31st Aug 1892

My dear Longmore

Owing to the serious
illness of a Doctor
Brother of mine I intend
leaving Port Said - at
the best it will be a
long convalescence (Doctors
say at least 6 months) as
he has had very profuse
Haematuria. This is a
good practice & it is
desirable to keep it together

I am quite unaware
as to how you would
regard the thought
of coming here again,
even for a time. I have
permission from Sir S. Stokes
to make a temporary
arrangement, & of course
would only be too pleased
if you could come
- at the most the Committee
are entitled to 3 months
notice from me, so that
would mean for you
from February to April
only. I know you are
engaged for Cook's work
- I suppose until end

of March, but if a
substitute would be taken
I know a man who
has just gone to Cerro
- Dr. Warts - & he is eager
to go up the hill; he
intended going to Phelps, &
& I gave him a card
for you. He was de-
layed here 18 months ago
for 3 weeks owing to some
accident to the ship
& I saw him often and
liked him.
If you do not entertain
the proposal please tele-
graph as I want to
communicate with Warts



L 53-15
South Western Hotel
Southampton, July 5/91

Dear Sir: - I am exceedingly obliged to you for your trouble in replying to my letter to your son & for giving me the opportunity to visit Valley Hospital, of which I shall avail myself tomorrow -

Will you kindly remember me to your son when you write, & say that I regret very much not meeting him again, & with sincere thanks to you my dear Sir

Believe me

Yours faithfully yours

Edmund Newman

come in then, I considered
your offer a liberal one.
We said we had always
known him for a good
landlord, & advised him
at once to close with yr
offer. At length he good-
humouredly consented, but
told us we must consider
it as another instance of
his liberality. This of course
you can do as you like
about, but you will see
what he says in his letter.

We hope you both
arrived home safely, and
found all well. Allow
me, before closing, again to

L. 55/16

St. Mary's Terrace,
London Road, Worcester.

Wednesday

My dear Dr.

I fear it is too late
for to-night's post, but
I have just finished
with Mr. Cathey, and
hasten to inform you
of the result. He will
however write to you
to-morrow direct. We
had a long argument with
him, and told him that

you wd not have to consider
the amount of any estimate
for work to be done which
he might obtain. The question
for you was, as to what
condition of reasonable
repair a tenant might be
expected to leave a house
in, and taking that view
I believed an expenditure
of £30 by you wd certainly
put the house in a better
state than most tenants
leave their houses. Then
as you pay rent up to
Midsummer, and he has
got a tenant anxious to

certainly you against the machinations
of Miss Wm. If you are again drawn
into a correspondence with her you
will find the greatest difficulty in
shaking her off.
My dear wife writes with me
in kind regards to you both
Very truly yrs
J. Stoddie

not much matter! Mr Blacker is
now quite well again, so Mrs Watson
was telling me (the one who is
supposed to be Mrs Gourlay) - We
are plunged into the midst of
innumerable parties here and as
Sir Charles is Dean of Faculty we
have to "dine" the Bar who num-
ber over 200 - So you may fancy
I have dinners on the brain at
present as we have been giving
2 a week (of 20 each) for some
time past. I had a letter from
Mr Kaufmann last week & they
leave Berlin next week for Amer-
ica. Rather cold weather for
travelling - They are to be a week
in London on the way & we wanted
them to come here for a day or
two but they have declined - We
expect some friends who are now at
Biarritz, to come & pay us a visit
next month - If you ever have
time & inclination to send me
a note, we shall be very glad

(2pp)

7 Drumshugh Gardens
5 January 1893.

My dear Mr Longmore,

I was so pleased
to get your friendly card from
Alicourt, the more so as I had
that very morning been saying
to Sir Charles that I wondered
where you were, & your card
let me see your whereabouts
so I know I am now safe in
addressing to you "Care of Cook".
I hope you will have a very
happy New Year, and also
that you have entirely got rid
of the bad cold you had before
leaving home. How I envy you
the warmth and sunshine wh.
you are doubtless now enjoying.
It is very cold here & no sun
and the last few days there has
been a little snow, making the
streets very disagreeable and
spoiling the ice, which has been
exceptionally good - I have had
six days really splendid skating

and it has been a grand ^{amuse}ment for the boys during their holidays - for really in bad weather they get so tired of "nothing to do" at home! Both Herbert & Geoffry are much grown - especially Herbert, who really seems to be nothing but legs & arms with a dash of body to connect them! Morbray has been quite well and evidently has greatly benefited by last winter and for myself I have never had the least cold so I shall uphold the Egyptian climate for ever as I used always to the ill half of every winter with bad coughs & colds - I hope my husband will not have to be much in London after Parliament meets. He does not mean to go more than he can help so we are not going to take a house in London, though we may go up for a few weeks in the end of March. How has the Hotel got

on that was being built at Assuan where I would so have enjoyed staying for ten days? I see that Cook has turned the Seti into a floating hotel off Elephantine. I suppose he is most jealous of any rival! I trust you have a nice boat & cabin and have found some pleasant companions. Apparently the boats are as full as ever. I wonder if Mrs. Williams is back at Shepheard's now or if she made out her project of visiting a niece in India first, which I think was a very energetic thing for anyone of her dimensions to be dreaming of doing. I see the fair Mrs. Beech (late Bullough) has gone to Cairo on her wedding tour. She was married very quietly in Edinburgh lately. She loses the life rent of a fine property by re-marrying - but as her husband left her £12,000 a year under any circumstances it does

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to hear how the world wags with
you, remember — but well I know
that barely necessary home
letters are almost more than
one can manage abroad, so I
shall not be offended if you
don't write. My reading has been
much curtailed by the claims
of society of late. I have been
finishing a book (of purely local
interest however) "25 years of
my life" by Dr. A. K. H. Boyd of St
Andrews where he speaks of
things & people that one knows
well about. but the whole book
is permeated with self conceit
to an amusing extent. Oh! I
don't like cold! My feet are cold
(wh: they never once were in Egypt)
My hands are cold, My nose is
cold. I hate cold — I met a man
the other day who had lately
returned from America & he says
the Chicago Exhibition will be
well worth going to see & the
most complete thing of its kind

ever known. My husband was
invited to go and read a law
paper at the Congress there, but
says he will not cross the
herring pond, though he will
write the paper for them, & let
one of them read it. I dare say
the rush & crush & expense of
going to America will be quite
abnormal this year. Are you
going to take three trips up & down
the river as you did last time?
Is there a nice doctor at Susan?
Now my time has come to an end
as I have to go out so you will
excuse more, and again wishing
you every good wish of the
season in which Nowbray joins.

Believe me

yours very sincerely
Eliza Pearson.

Ever
Lovers

man older than yourself
should be found if possible.

They both spoke in the
nicest way of you & your
work, but they are under the
impression that the Hotel
will gain more by having
an oldish man. I think
perhaps they are wrong,
but I did not like to do
more than point out
the many obvious advantages
which you possess for the post.

Cairo ^{25/18}

May 8. 91

Dear Longmore

I am very
sorry to tell you that
Locke King & Vivian
have decided (1) that
I should try & induce
Hobhouse to succeed
Blackie & (2) failing
Hobhouse that some

I am letting you know comparatively
early because it may make a
difference to your autumn plans -
Selfishly speaking I hope you will stick
to Cook but perhaps there are other
things better for you -
I hope you like Port said your work -
Yours very sincerely

Thos Sandwith

I have not seen Blacke since his return
but I hope to do so at Kena on Monday -

Continental, & a quite charming
Ball at Carr. St. N. L. Sunday
& I was meeting. Saturday
Mr. Frost gave a big tea party
& we dined with the Vincents,
& went to the Opera & to a
musical party at Lady Ham-
micks. Mr. Middleton & I
were yesterday, & today we
Harvey gave a big tea party
at the Continental. Mr.
donkey "Jack" Hopper, contin-
ues to be the joy of existence
& constant companion!

I'm so glad you have nice people
board. What fun we had on
the nice little "Prince Abbas".
There was great excitement
here about the Ministerial
crisis. I expect we haven't

Kew St. W. Bains
Paris. L. 55/19

Jan 30. 1893.

Dear Mr. Longmore
I was so glad to get your
letter; please forgive my
remissness in not answer-
ing it sooner, but you have
no idea how full the last
week has been, & Mr. Middle-
ton has been staying here
again, & visitors always
take up a good deal of time.
Now to answer your ques-
tions. Our house-rent is £5
a month, but it ought to be
only 4; & I believe we are going
to negotiate for its being

reduced to that sum, if we
take it for some months.
Houses of course are much
cheaper out here in the
winter months, as all the
gas people want to live
in Cairo: & prices will rise
as hot weather comes on.
Out 4 or 5 £ all the year
round is a fair price for a
little house like this.

I pay my cook £4 a month.
Duffragi £1. But he is not
a trained servant. But worth
with the order. They would
have to give £2. I expect.

Of course the railway fare
is another item. I believe a
3 months ticket is £3.

Has ^{will now} taken a monthly
one which I think is £1.10.
But now we are staying on
he will take a 3 months one
which is much cheaper.

I am sure if there is any thing else
you want to know, please
tell me, & I shall be delighted
to give you any information.
The air here is quite wonderful.
I & my husband is perfectly
well, & really it is a relief
to be out of the extreme heat
of Cairo, though we have had
rainier gallons of rain.
My mother's dance last
Monday. Wednesday a luncheon party
in Cairo, & a most delightful
theatrical party at Sirrane
Pasha's, & dance afterwards.
Thursday a dinner party at the

& I am glad she is loving, & affectionate to Alice, it covers so many little failings —

I also hope the weather is more congenial, it will be a pity if you have to leave before its time to go on board ship.

I am glad you have such good & reliable companionship who can take care of you. I am just longing to see you. Esie tells me Mr. Coole has written, I am glad he seems to be interested in her, & I want her to keep good friends with him, for I think he does care for her. I wanted to write to your good Mother, but am too preoccupied, & agitated. Please thank her very much for me. Yrs very truly
Fanny Wright

L 55/20

Cairo Sept 3rd 94

Dear Mr Langmore

Your kind letter was so welcome, & the contents made me very happy. first to have the pleasure of expecting to see you soon, & then to hear of your kind arrangements for Esie, it is really too kind of your dear Mother, & good Alice, to keep my darling where she is so happy, & you will understand how surprised I am, & what a comfort your good

news was to me, as it came to me in the midst of a new & quite unexpected sorrow, my Brother died quite suddenly a few days ago, & they sent me the news at 10 O'Clock at night without a word of warning, & the shock affected me so much, that I fainted right off, & was unconscious half the night, but I soon roused up next day, & began to think of those dear Children, & that young inexperienced Child-wife, left so soon a widow. some consolation I hope they are all well provided for, but I have no details as yet. - I would have gone to

them at once, but I am not even fit for the railway journey, but she is surrounded by kind friends, & we have exchanged letters although I am not personally under to them. Will you please say all that is kind to Lady Longman for me, & tell her that I feel all her goodness, as a kind Providence, its far more than I could even have thought possible much less wished for, & I am more thankful than I can find words to express. I only hope, & trust, my darling is being good, & obedient, & all that I would have her be. -