

TRANSCRIPT OF SPROTT'S DIARY FOR 1872 v.2

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Pages refer to those on which Sprott has written something, i.e. blank pages ignored.

Sprott's writing is very difficult to read and there are many indecipherable words, indicated in square brackets; [] for two indecipherable words; [meaning] for a best guess at the letters or entire word.

My comments are in round brackets and italics (*comment*) and are inserted to add context to Sprott's words, or to give a modern day spelling of place names etc.

Sprott's entries are not always on the correct page date. If he ran out of room describing the day's events, he would continue on an unused page and date. In this version, Sprott's entries have been placed under the correct date, and many line breaks have been removed.

Sprott used many abbreviations and, where known, in this version they are transcribed in longhand. Common abbreviations he used are; v = very, m = much or more, fr = from, c = with, bet = between, c^d = could, w^d = would, chdⁿ = children, mg = morning, a = and, g^d = good, wh = which, exc = excellent and except, tog = together. There are many less common abbreviations.

Sprott used minimal punctuation. I have added punctuation in this version so that it reads better.

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NOTE PAGES in front of diary

Note Page 1

Memos of Things to do and [fix?]

Extract of beef

Ginger Lozenges (*for sea sickness?*)

Note Page 2

Memo of charges at different places

Note Page 3

Egypt Suez. Hotel 24/ for ea, Bed and Brk

Boat for ship. Proper fare 4/ each

Rail to Cairo 25/ each – extra luggage was 43/6

Charge at New Hotel 16/ each for coffee and eggs

Breakfast at half 12 and dinner at half 6 – wine extra

Bath 2/6 and 1/6. Charge at Hotel du Nil 12/-

At Shephards 16/-. H. du Nil comfortable but bad stair case and very bad approach down a narrow lane out of the Bazaar - not so nice for ladies and no carriage or donkeys [always] at the door and no view

Note Pages 4 to 7

Arabic Words Phrases

[here follows a long dictionary of English words and phrases with Arabic phonetic translations – I have not tried to reproduce this]

Note Page 8

(These look like possible routes and timetables from Beirut to Europe)

Beyreut (Beirut). Hotel Bellevue good

Leave Beirut. Tuesday a. Wed m. Cyprus. Thursday m Rhodes Patmos Cos Scia Sat m Smyrna. 2 [zones] by Fr sph with little to see. Smyrna to Constantinople 38 hours

Constantinople to Syra (*now Syros*) Saturday 10am to Syra on Sunday @ 4pm. Syra to Athens 10-12 hours. This takes a week for Athens as [Thames] can run a week only.

Syra to Corfu 48 hours and Trieste 48 more

Constantinople. to Trieste Sat am. Syra Sunday 4pm. Corfu Tuesday 12. Trieste Thursday 2pm

Syra to Athens Wed and Sun at 10pm. Arrives [] Monday @ 8am. Leaves Ath. @8pm on Tuesday and Sat. and arrives at Syra Wed and Sunday at 6pm.

Corfu to Brindisi Th 8pm and arr Friday 9am

Constantinople to Smyrna Thursday 4pm Smyrna Sat 3am

Smyrna to Constantinople Monday 3pm Const. Wed 2am

Smyrna to Brindisi Sat 4pm ~3 1/2 days, to Trieste 5 days

DATED PAGES

Monday 8 January 1872.

Entered to King George Sound in cold rather rough weather. [] to sound [escaping] from lofty hills and a block of [grass], bleak naked rock stretching into the sea which broke up their faces. The sound is pretty well sheltered the houses lying along the beach scattered with shrubs and trees between. The trees very small but in [] walk you come among good sized timber with beautiful scrub and a wonderful variety of wildflowers.

John after Banksias very beautiful and very many. Different from anything I had seen at Sydney. The [fundamental] character of the large trees the same. Slept at the London – like an English Village Inn very plainly furnished but very clean. Had tea bed and bkfast all good. paid 13/-. Our walk round a rocky bluff above the town, but the highest hill Mount Clarence we had not time to ascend. It would take about 2 perhaps 3 hours to do it comfortably. From the high ground the view of the [] to the sound was beautiful, the water looking quite landlocked, [] [hilly] at the entrance with fine outline.

[Set] Sydney found warm clothing in [position].

[Page Thursday 11 January 1872 Date clearly irrelevant. It probably fits after Haifa (Mt Carmel)]

Few sheep seen in Palestine, but some of those I saw very large with splendid fleeces. [never] saw a flock of sheep by themselves, always [] with goats and the latter also far more numerous. Flocks of goats alone very common everywhere herded by 2 or 3 boys. At Hebron second fine flock of more than 100 in each, very pretty coming home down the [roads] as the sun came down. The finest flocks I saw anywhere came about Carmel and three magnificent [] with []. [] all the goats [] 9-12 months long, the hair gets black long and [greasy] Some goats speckled and black and tan and a few grey, but black in 19 out of 20. The first herds of cattle at Beesan, many hundreds []. Also at [A] a fine herd, but all small and the bulls very shabby animals – from black and white fawn, white and []. Dogs very handsome like [] dogs, sharp fox-like head with very bushy tails and strong limbed. [] lying about villages and often on the steps after houses bark bark but some try to bite. Camels in [final] strings [] for [] about [] plain of Samaria, some very fine ones with curly hair. Often saw them as if oiled, all shiny – and one day [] a sick camel down whose throat they were pouring butter milk.

Mon 22 January 1872

Reached Galle [] at 8am after a week of very hot weather. Th in cabin at the [] at mirror 86-87. Our daily rate has been about 260 knots wind [] in out favour say from 5° or 6° South. Lately rather ahead.. The trades gain one [away] towards the line. Last 2 days wind on one bow and able to hoist 2 sails. [ing] all through abund. but queasy. The [] claret good @ 1/6 [first] bottle. Beer and porter 1/ a bottle. [] very often [] the papaya. In fact any [] with C. and self. The perfect vibration of screw the worst part of

all. No other on board to play Backgammon and sleep or dose in chair the long chair a final comfort, and then to have the next [] 2 air cushions about 2 x 1 1/2 so as together to make a small [] the [breaks] so hard. Paid [] £1 [] Dr £1 and Mrs H Steward £1, or £3 altogether. [Mem. private _____] doesn't know what to do with it – gave it to the []

Galle a [colourful] place. Stands on tongue of land which [] covers with old fortifications all round. A pretty walk all round the []. On the land [] and half filled of [moat]. [You] coast Ceylon for about 20 miles before coming to Galle

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all green from the cocoanut [long] [], most lovely. The long graceful stems rise out of this mass of shining green of the bread fruit [] and other trees and this frothing [tops] on long [] and the sky. The [giant] of fruit very large. I [] 20 nuts on a tree.

I never saw such a heap of green though like the red soil here and there peeps out but only peeps. As soon as we anchored pilot boat along side. A canoe out of a tree trunk[along] the gunnel bamboo laid and [secured] on a [] then a plank on top above this. The width not about 12-16 (sketch here) inches with an outrigger. A [] fastened to two curved poles. Then [] another rope and scull or row and paddle like [] []. Men all naked except a loin cloth often tied up with [] so that [] []. But most have a calico wrapper so [] of diff. colour going down to the calf and tucked in. The colour all a beautiful clear [] copper brown, very clean looking. Often a light calico jacket and work [] on shore by [smoothing it]. The women have a sort of [Chemise] body which slip over the head and loosely covers the bosom and leaving the waist naked. Some young boys [] water with silver rings on wrists and

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ankles. Paid 1/ each for [bath] on shore about 1/4 of mile and went through an avenue of Suriyah trees with old gnarled trunks like old olives, a beaut soft green foliage and through the old gate of the fortress to the Oriental Hotel, recently built. Went upstairs 2 storeys to bedroom, the highest [] but a room about 40 feet by 20 and 30 high. Half divided [] on end so that a screen could make a partition. Walls whitewashed and bed and bedding all of the plainest with a cane sofa and 2 cane chairs. The roof [opens] and [bed] room only partitioned off by wall 16 feet high so that one must be careful of ones [tongue]. Beds very hard and [long] and water and soap all very scanty. [] or [] 10/10. [] Fried fish, [] fowl cold ham, beef steak, curry, fruit, tea and coffee. The fruit banana, pineapple and a hairy looking fruit like a large gooseberry with gigantic hairs with a [pleasant] and pulp inside covering a large stone. The [host] dreadful, though this the cold season. Plain [] with [] []. [Ebony] and [] [] things tortoise shell [chains] for above all [] all sapphire ruby and pearl. A [showy] ring for £1 though they perhaps ask £5. Mr [C] withdrew £300 for one [stone] and got it and 5 others for £100 but he is a [] and only had £50, putting £50 more in the Bank to await

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[] of French jewellery. The people besiege the [] and give you no rest. With the women with lace like coarse Maltese all coarse. [Call] White at 2 pm. Tiffin first again but fowl and curry. In fact all the meals seem of much the same quality. Beer 1/6 bottle, very little Claret 3/-, Shiraz 7/-, Dalwood 4/-. No amusement of any kind provided except billiards and no [] or [] of books and very few papers. Dine at 7. It is in the dark and after dinner all sit in the [] where drinking goes on and the ladies must bear it as they [like]

[] all to bed. The [pop] very [] and the [] all black [paint] and soft eyed. Almost impossible to tell boys from girls and [] from lads of 16 look like girls in the face, so soft and [guilt] in look, all well so straight, and all are lithe, sound limbed and healthy looking the number of [] looking incredibly female.

In the market which is a square and row of huts on the verandah of which the [] [] beef and not [] and no mutton. The beef all the small humped buffalo. Fish of different kinds like snapper and [jew] fish and red mullet and a [tuna] like fish, with salt fish cut in [fillets]. Most abundant is [] fish like conga eel dried in pieces quite hard like [] [] about 8-9 inches long. Fruit very abundant chiefly jack fruit, bread fruit, banana

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pawpaw which cuts like a melon with round pea-like seeds and a very nasty smell on cutting it /3 each / mango /3 each but very ripe like long turkeys egg in shape. The rice and the grain, chillies, onions all small [sweet] things which was [] [] for curry, and the betel leaf in abundance with the [araker] nut at different ages. Also the [Br] [] a fig which is [sewn] up with the pulp mixed up with suet I think. Salt very coarse sold by the measure, I should say about 1d a pound. [Nutmegs] and cucumbers cocoa nuts of course 1d each, but the jack fruit seemed the most plentiful. It is a beautiful tree and the fruit grows out right from the trunk with a short stalk, of pale green rough rind later the green long oval form and 12-15 inches long, [] many pounds, seeds long and many. The clatter of tongues wonderful. Native police in blue uniform and [] if [] keep order but all [] good humoured. The children about stark naked and soft eyed, but boys and I saw no naked girls of any age.

From my [broken window] I look down on a long tiled roof. Houses [] tiled and some 2 or 3 thick to keep out heavy rain, the red of which sets off the wonderful green all round of [] [] not [] and wonderful mimosa so velvety [] look. All so damp. I [] [] []

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with clammy [mouth] and no app. One eats and is always thirsty. I would use [] shirts a day. Ones clothes in the [bag] damp and sticky with the sea air for the windows are unglazed about 7 x 4 with [] which revolve on a central post, but which I keep open in the []. No bedroom candles but large night lights of a wick floating in cacao nut oil. This is burned everywhere - in high lamps on the dinner table and in the streets here and then when at work like a farthing candle. The [] lamps are crowned by [] to keep off the blast of the [pumbah] which goes constantly at meals. The [H] wear their hair combed back and kept in place by a comb [] and kept behind. Some have a high comb at the back. The [Moslems] have head shaved and a little basket work cap (sketch here). At [] birds are singing all about with very sweet notes like those of English songbirds. I have seen a few parrots, crows plentiful like the rook. Looking out, the drays are coming in on 2 wheels like tilted wagons covered with matting, almost always drawn by 2 [zebus], the men walk behind the near one, and often the loads are heavy, 2 or 3 men are often helping at the wheels.

Continued to the Cinnamon Gardens about 5 miles out, a lovely drive [] cocoa nuts [for] all the way. The [] 6d for [] and a lad taken for []. Nothing very [practic] no pretence of flowering [] the lad [said the goats]

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prevented it. [Said] Cinnamon leaves crushed smells of cloves and the root cut of camphor.

Saw [nutting] [] and eat King Cocoa nut, a yellow fruit size of small melon with pure [] sweetish fluid filling it, rather mawkish. Travellers palm, by expanding the leaf laths pure water ran out for the [sub_] in [consid] [quantity], enough to slake [] etc thirst. A [] stream comes by the [] – was told it has alligators.

Another day to walk [] about 4 miles off. [] sort of lovely [] with most wonderful glimpses at every turn of little [glens] full of [] shades of green. Almost all the leaves are of simple beauty both of shape and tint. A walk of about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile through the wood brings you to a high summit from where a splendid view, quite panoramic all round. At the foot of the hill the ground stretches away flat and beyond the hilly rise in fine [] far away and very lofty are called the Haycock which it resembles and just by it but [] farther the [corm] of Adams Peak about 60 or 70 miles away. On the Haycock wild elephant till very lately – no tigers in Ceylon but leopard and one killed close to Galle not very long ago. Told this by a young planter who came [] 72 miles to catch the steamer. Roads good all over Ceylon and kept up by a capitation tax of 5/- on every labourer. Cooly/Kuli/ is a labouring man who has no special trade. This 5/- may be commanded for six days labour. 6d a day length wage. At [Wikrallah] the wild flowers gorgeous

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and the [sensitive] plant very common with pink [fl_] of flower. Natives [] you up and down. [Some] are bringing a flower or other [] or gift the children all speak [] English and run after the carriage for miles also. One little wretch as fat as possible, not more than 4 yrs old hoisted up the skin of his stomach to show how empty he was. On our way back to Buddhist temple up a steep path so pretty top a little flat where the temple stood. A pagoda or rather pointed dome whitewashed said to contain the gold and silver [] but with door of any kind the [] Buddah about 8ft high of clay bronzed over. Several small marble ones with our [] about 4 ft high, the walls painted with rows of [], the disciples each holding a flower, on the altar small gifts of flowers onions chilli etc. Our lamps were lit it being the feast of the full moon and along the [event] hour the [] [] lamps [] within verandahs. The native [] bamboo uprightly with small cane [] inside and out and the open [] up with and clay. [] with [Cr_] not matting often with tiles. In the verandah [] [bunches] of clay (sketch here) on it. They sit [] []. In Galle 4 churches. English a large handsome heavy building quite new, Roman C., Presbyterian while accommodating the Dutch [] []. A good many residents of Dutch and some Portuguese extraction.

[Mem] a [little] Brandy very useful here and ginger bread []. a teaspoonful [] at the [] is P. at [const] Wrote to Fan and Archie and Mitch.

Fan to [] 7/6. To [] garden 6/-. [] our funds 1/6 @ Boat man to ship 1/- each way Bill at Hotel £7/8/6 Breakfast 5/-, Tipping 3/-, Dinner 5/- Bedroom 7/6, then double bed. Caps 2/- each. Pith hat 6/-

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Mem. Wanted gingerbreadnuts in small [tins]. Est. of [meat]. Brandy and [] [] also some butter as [Hockstetters] perhaps []

Sunday 4 February 1872

Today about 12 came in sight of Aden. The sea for 3 days having from very smooth with very [] in storm of any kind.

(sketch map here)

Aden a wonderful place. A peninsula of grey black [rock/bush] with also several [gardens] with Zavnis rising to 1670 feet without a blade of any green thing. Anything more desolate cannot be conceived. You run along for 2 or 3 miles under the cliffs at the foot of which a sprinkling of sand is here and there, and curving round [] the Harbour (H on the sketch). A light house is at C. (on the sketch) The summit of the range is most [fantastically] jagged. The houses come at you all at once and all flat roofed and most one storey all plastered white. Along the [] (sketch here) several hotels and stores. As soon as ship anchored no end of small [canoes] with boys swimming about and diving for pence which they got up in a wonderful way and put in their mouths. We took a boat 6d each, Cost 1/- [] of [] and landed at Harbour and took carriage of which a lot

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waiting about to go to the cantonment

The Great Tanks. Paid 4/- each. A carriage holds 3 other [] of a 1/- backshish a most wonderful driver. 1st along the shore the sea shallow and islands of bare black rock, [sweaty] men and women in all costumes. The women chiefly of negress look or African and almost all showing the face, and some with camel bearing coffee and on a string the rope of one tied to tail of another. Small donkeys with skins of water and lots of goats all white and black [] and no horns. [Turning] from the beach climb a hill and wound up to top where the summit deeply gashed by narrow defile cut for the road you wind through a gate with sentinel, the road very narrow and [] you 100 feet above a bluff. The [folife] [] right along the face at top of the cliff and [where/above] the jagged [] a wall is thrown [] to complete the chain. Down now you [lash] over a broad plain [] flat all black, no [] thing except a few [acacias]. [] the [] on this plain lies the [Banachy] and this native town, [] streets start [] feet wide with flat surface and with houses of one storey about 10 feet high on either side. To each a large door with

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two leaves and no windows, a small court behind. Then wound up to the tanks which lie in a gorge of the hills narrowing as you ascend hill the black [] [] []. There are 11 all shapes and sizes, most big [nicely] the [gorge] partitioned so to speak and the mountain wall smoothed and faced with cement some, one especially has been squared about 25 feet deep and the largest holds 4,654,000 gallons. Others all are smaller down to 70,000 gallons. All [equate] white [] lined with white cement and the partition of [] masonry of hewn stone. You climb by steps from one to another and a few shrubs are here and there. The view back down the **glen** looking towards the sea with the town [] is beautiful, a policeman was standing about with [constabulary] staff. He told us what he could. A sort of wild [] grew on the rock and then was on [coast] with larger tank, a well [fresh [] [] [] [evening] water a/c on string which the [Captain] put into another well at its side. I fancy [] then carried the water down to the town [] where it was again drawn up. [Dash] again, by the side of the road on the plain [from] small trees planted and carefully [] but none above 4 ft high. Natives all looked

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well nourished, many carrying burden on their backs and wearing simply loin cloths. Many with turban and [trousers] and many bare headed with hair very, very curly in short corkscrew. [Brightly] and dyed red. All looked good tempered yet not so pleasant in the

[C ____], colour from black to coffee brown. Capt [Bolen] told me he has seen the tanks filled in 5 hours. The water is worth £7000 and is sold to the _____. No rains now for 22 months. From D (on the sketch map) a small tank then in the remains of an aqueduct stretching 7 miles to a well in the interior. The water canal 19 inches drop and 16 wide and 54 inches across built of red brick on stones (I think) foundation.

At Hotel got bottle of beer 2/- and four photos. Cath [_____] @ 1/- and a large one of Tank 5/-. Kate bought some ostrich feathers the only thing offered for sale. Some long grey ones for 4/- 8 of them and some small grey [Ma _____] for 2/-. For a poor white one they asked £1 but would take less.

Thu 8 February 1872

At Suez paid Bathroom steward £1

[_____] 10/-

Table Steward 15/-

[C ____] 17/-

Fri 9 February 1872

For 2 days after Aden Very warm yet not oppressive. [Saturday] and cooling. Quite cool with brisk head wind. This made the cold quite sharp though the thermometer was only 78.

In the evening the [_____] stopped from a plate of the [corduroy engine] giving away. This took 18 hours to repair during which we lay rolling from side to side and drifted 12 miles to the East till we could see the Arabian Coast. There was a good deal of swell but this went soon and then [_____] pretty calm weather. Today [2 slack] about the ship while we play [rocking], with the usual [filet] fish. A beautiful sunset the second good one we have had. Not a cloud but the pink yellow glow all along the west meeting the dark blue of the sea such as one sees in Warren's pictures of Egypt. Afterwards a [filter] of light from the West up to the zenith.

Sun 11 February 1872

Last night Saturday Gulf of Suez. The morning will up to Suez. On both sides mountains and [free] on left hand where high peaks rise to about 6000 ft, most rugged in outline and all [abs] barren. Between this and sea a broad slope of sand some miles wide stretches down to the sea. On the Arab side less rugged but all sand and rock of [_____] color. An hour before Suez the Well of Moses visible, masked by 3 small groves of trees among which some small white houses. About 2 got to Suez or rather the harbour, with the [_____] close on shore but this only for food and we were obliged to take a later Boat to pull round, about 5 ½ hours. Started 5 of us with luggage in second boat, only one man and a boy rowing. Tide and wind are both against us. Presently, one oar broke and we had to fit in to the other boat, then aground and a boy got out to push. Water tepid and about 3 ft deep. But as soon as sun down was very cold. Did not get to Suez till about 9 after 4 hours. A large Hotel with square court with arches and tables, very pretty. Had supper (tea and cold ham and [_____]). 1 [rupee fees] for boat 2 rupees each with luggage from sand 1R [_____]. [Called] a Dragoon in however and had to pay him. Ali a great rogue who saw [_____] [_____] for Hotel, but still he was very useful.

Mon 12 Feb 1872

This morning up at half 6 and Breakfast at 7. At half 7 off to Station which is about 15 m[inutes] walk through wretched streets [] along the water. Got tickets for Cairo 25/- each and the luggage weighed [] [] []. This arabic for [Egyptian] weight (allowed 50lb) we paid £2.3.6 extra. Ali made out grand bill of costs for Coolie and Custom H only. (Mem. [] really to pay for passengers luggage. Or at least 1R [] for Backshish. W Arnold of the Hotel helped us but after all Ali cheated us of 5/-. Paid for 5 [] 24/ for boat, 10/ for carriage of luggage, and 15/ for other sundries, 47/ in all. Bill at Hotel 24/- for [] Bed and Breakfast. Along through the desert sand on both sides as far as eye could see from sand. Coarse and small [] [] [] and here and there small tufts as if sage, then for 2 hours the patches of green with arabs and a few goats and a camel or donkey now and then. By and large [] [] till at last green everywhere with crops of beans, lentils wheat, cotton. I think [clean]. All the way we went by the sweet water canal and some way off for a couple of hours from Suez the [first] canal in sight. Saw a large steamer and 2 small ships. Along the sweet canal constant boats with 1 sail, [] and often nothing but half the sail could be seen moving along [side] the sand border of the canal. About 12 got to Ismailia a [Ba__ place] with [] Hotel [] and a Franco-Turkish look. Waited about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. [] and about 2 got to [Sagusik] where stand 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours (proper time $\frac{1}{2}$ hour). Here we demanded lunch and nothing to be had but corn bread. We were told we should have [] after

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Passed lots of native villages all of clay one storey most with windows and roofs of reeds with clay and straw over, all alike. Were offered bread and small loaves, fresh [oats], oranges very good and sugar cane. Not much backshish asked. [Group] of Arabs very picturesque. Women [garlands] and ornaments with string of [] all over the middle and from brow over the nose a (sketch here) sting of metal cylinders. [] [] of [] blue gown, slippers of yellow leather, but [bl] boots very common. Part [Tagusich]. The country [] carpet of green with [small] trees thickly scattered and [d] palms here and there. Shadoof going all along the canals and boats and people on donkeys heavy with luggage. At [] native donkeys for hire with gay saddles and high [peaks] (sketch). Many of the donkeys with [] and all sleek in good order and a few horses but some, for ploughing camel horse ox buffalo are all used and coupled together. Birds not scarce. Many storks which [] [] close to the labourers as if for food. Saw but one goose. Some fields of young wheat some 100 acres big. The [B] come in [flown] and [] pleasantly. Luggage weighed at Suez. I think 16/- an [] for overweight. [Every] article put down on a slip which you present at journey's end.

Wed 14 Feb 1872

Yesterday and today done little, waiting for Capt S. Yesterday went through streets [] and [] with [] shops on either side and ma crowd of people, camels, donkeys, carriages, with constant bawling and hollering on all sides. In the afternoon to Boulak (*Bulaq*) about a mile to see the Nile Steamer, small but neat. The [thin] cabin, which is as grand as 3 [] [] takes. Can take 14 passengers (another larger, takes 18). [Cook] will start with 12 or a smaller number if they like to pay for 12 @ £44 a head 20-21 days. A [Dragoon] [] with very good credentials offered to take us (5) for £170, or 8 for £40 each, being about 45 days but this would take too long. [] a hour paid 3/-. Cost of carriage 2/ a hour 16/ a day. [Dragoon] 6/-, donkeys 4/ a day or second 5d-6d by length of ride. Our Hotel occupying a good [] on one side of embankment Square. 1100 ft long and very handsome rooms and all clean and good, water very hard, charge 16/ a day for coffee and egg in the morning at [] 12. Tiffin any

dinner with fish, fowl, meat and coffee at [] 6. Dinner with soup fish [] meat poultry, savoury pudding and [sorbet] with coffee all well costed but fish poor, the [ag_] delicious. This afternoon to Gezirah Palace. Nice [] are [caught] by the people. A café by BS with lovely pavilion attached and Central hall of [] like the Alhambra – most light and lovely. The garden is [] beauty with a large menagerie of wild animals all in excellent order. The ostriches superb. A [] in the ground. Now everybody's gone on donkeys, all are for hire. Everywhere are small carts about 3ft long with our donkey. When you drive out, a boy runs before you to clear the way. [] in white shirt and short drawers with no turban or shade and a [] stick. I am [] have 2. [] carriages and [] carriages very good and some handsome. Coachmen all in [] In the palace gardens, []

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rockeries 60 or 80 ft high full of winding ways and water [and gas] laid on everywhere. I could [] 100 [lamps] very handsome with white globes at top and the [hill] crossed by iron bridge at which toll paid each way. About as wide as Thames at London Bridge. Plenty of boats on it and a few small steamers; date trees along the banks. The [roads] all through light rich soil with a [storm], and dust everywhere.

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The Museum splendid. Not very large [ex_] but of small articles a wonderful choice. The [Hat] of [C ____] []. Other coloured figures of the [] dynasties very fresh. A different physiognomy. The [] ornaments []. A necklace of gold [] Animals [] on tiger chasing the deer. A case with 2 figures in [gun] basalt the most [expertly] I ever saw.

Beautiful [] [oranges] inlaid with silver and iron. Hippopotamuses of turquoise blue of an early [] very beautiful. Small jugs in onyx, a large trilingual tablet.

The Mosque of Mohammed Ali very large and magnificent. Square with [] at each corner, floor covered with carpets [lit] by small coloured glass [] and [] falling same all round. A splendid cloister. Did our [c ____] [] of M.A. Close by the [] of his family all very gay with gold and colours. At head [of] like a tombstone. Mosque of [Hepas] (sketch here) Dr Tayloon. Tombs of Caliphs Tayloon very old and going to pieces. I mosque of [Hupas] with large old chain in style like our coronation chain. At [Citadel] [Joseph] well 280ft deep and about square hewn in solid rock. Outside this a winding way taken down to bottom and where a horse [] the wheel as well in at the top. The [water] about 12 feet apart []

[During Divinity] Every Friday at 1. Place all very [solemn] have a [climate] of [] own. The superior sat on a rug with a blue robe trimmed with fur and camel cap (sketch) on head. Then they (14) sat on the

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floor opposite him in caps and blue cloaks which cover from neck to ankles. They bend forward in prayer. [T ____] round []

Fri 16 February 1872

Rode on donkey to Heliopolis where a simple obelisk all that remains. The [cutting] layer and [cr_] than in the Parisian and Roman M[useum]. On 3 sides the figures covered by the [mists] of the [Mason] [bee] which conceal them. On 4th side the figures made [clear] by the wind as it only fills the spaces. Saddles not comfortable and the stirrups hang to one strap which slops about. Going back saw [horses] [] when [] at work Saw [] every few

hundred yards draw water for wells for irrigation. Saw Tree of the Virgin an old wild [big] tree (Sycamore fig) very old in look about 9 feet in long drain and 4-5 ft the other way. Grave yards all about Cairo not fenced off in any way. The streets run through them and [] were held among them. The graves very simple of stone and clay with small pillars about 2 feet high on the top. Some more (sketch) ornate. [Most] of funerals, in front many men on foot chanting, then the body borne on shoulders of men. Or a child may carried in a [] of red [] with coffin (I think) and behind came women on donkeys [] but no noisy sound. The men often [chanting]

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3 times. The superior at the [], bowing at the carpet when he had sat, then put off cloak and appeared in white gown [] at waist. One was a pretty boy about 12. [] to turn and head bowed to left and eyes shut, both hands out, the right palm down the left up. The 14 filled the places [] cont out. Went [] them soon but quickly on their own axis 60 times in a minute. On scoring in a [] [main] [ext]. They [] for a good half hour [] for 3 or 4 mins. [] [waived] and prayed and went away. There was nothing [] in the least [before] in the [swim]. Before []. Then down [] for

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some time and [] clarity [] on a [] and [drunk] all the [tea]. Did not [see] the players who were in a [gully].

Sat 17 Feb 1872

To [Chontic] places. A charming road made an avenue of wild figs and acacia which [sweep] and arch over the road for 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles or so, this road [s] with carriages and horses and donkeys. The [] lies on the [] cab leathers. The [] very beautiful a successful [visit] with [] and very costly and all [dis]. [] the finest in [] the [] I have seen. [Our not [] The pepper tree in fruit. Leaf when crushed smelt of cloves, like a [f] leaf. [] clusters with small currants very pretty some trees 18 inches across at base and a few 25 or 30 feet high.

Went to Bank and [] money. For Rathbone & Co charge $\frac{1}{2}$ pc for the correspondents []. With best will not cash any other. The Bank of Egypt charge 2pc. Paid for [] in [cash] [] 1/2l []. Mr Ralph in the [Establish] beyond Shepherds H on [] some at par. A very civil man indeed. Hotel on Nil very [] and cordial but with dirty approach by a [] [] out of the Bazaar. Charge 12/ a day. Table good. I have that Abbots table good. Hotel L'Orient was very good. At our Hotel [] most very tough [] with [] [] Sherry 5/-. [] worth 3/6 charged 10/-

Sun 18 Feb 1872

Yesterday to Pyramids and started at $\frac{1}{4}$ to 8 with lunch from Hotel for which charge usual. Across river by Newbridge to [station] at half 8 and had to wait till $\frac{1}{4}$ past 9. [] [] [] [] palace of [] [Giza] without view of [] [] [] from stands of acacia. Ran along [ten] embankments. Toom [] with us to [] when got out and had [] side [though] [from] [fields] and [] palaces to [] [ing] where [sits] the large Statute of Rameses. This [] all there [] of the city. Then over the sand passing the Pyramid of Dashoor. Then out to the [M] al Pyr of Jukhana. Past this and then out of the sand rose two [] walls [] [] [] [] 30 yrs to [] sultan [] [] very [] and []

inside. This the [] tombs buried to left [] about 10 ft wide and 20 ft high and the [] of which another [] [appeared] the floor [] 5 or 4 feet below level of [] and a low wall of stone ran across the [] about 18 inches high. In [] the sarcophagus 12-15 feet long, 7-8 wide and 5 ft deep [] with lids of 5 feet thick, dark granite. [] all the [] further from an [] the pap [] [] further back on [] in if for [calf]. Then to [temple donkey] all open with really [] in [apf] with wonderful [] of granite if [] and [] and bird.

To Great Pyramid and the Sphinx which [] pyramid costs [a], more [] than (on Page Mon 19 Feb 1872)

I expected. Arabs all about [] and [] the Sheik. I went up with 4 arabs who in [] but not us. I thought I [paid] [seven] fit to 10/- [any [] any less dreadfully []]. At top [] but [] land, not worth the ascent. Getting down also very f[] Paid backshish 4/- beside the Sheiks [] 2/- [] is cheaper for [] into the Pyramid. [] [] of steps [] again but some 27 [feet], in [many] places very broken away so that you go along a quite narrow [loop] of a few inches only. It looks [over steep]. The [] 52° at the top an arab went down and up the 20 [] in 10 min [past]. He trots it very easily going over the level ground. The top of second Pyramid very [] no cement but the stones fit [cl] [] a [] to fit his feet into the holes and [cleft]. Out [] [] called himself the doctor and rubbed my legs when I sat down to rest. [] kept with us with a water bottle. At base the carriage awaits. We were kept a [] the bridge being out of order so we did get home till past [9].

The donkeys except Capt [Morley], Gladstone, Yankee Doodle etc. The [sun/sign] at the Pyramid [] ago and if English, French better and Italian very []

Tue 20 February 1872

Paid bill in NSW £14.18 for 80 [] lunch and dinner for Fred Cutler 4/- bedroom [] and 2/6 boots. These gratuities not []

At 5pm left for steamer which got under way at about half 4 and anchored about 7 in [Trevior] for the []. At half 6 dinner all very good but wine ex[pensive] [] Sherry 8/- [medoc] 4/- St Julien 6/-. 15 in all. Our party of 8 a [P] in [], 2 scotch ministers and then [] Germans. Sleeping cabins very small but neat and comfortable. The stern cabin as big as 3 or 4 of the others and very nice with [] of sofa and light. The [] on the last. It was [engaged] [] before I spoke. Saw the Pyramid very sharp against the western sky. At 9 a good tea. Tea very good. Was better than at Hotel. At 10 to bed.

Wed 21 February 1872

Very little of the Nile to see. The vegetation [] on left bank; on the right a faint [ship] here and there part above the water line and below [this] sand and sandy rock, rising into hilly cliffs here and there. West side the fall of the [] washed by slips the earth which forms the banks (sketch). Every few miles a village consists of a few [] huts, some date trees and the dome of a small mosque. The height of the bank on the left prevents the eye extending beyond. The only things visible on this people on donkeys or afoot, and the women carrying with the water jars to draw water and wash this []. Water jar when full carried upright, when empty carried on its side atop the head (sketch) We then [] passed [Beni Suef] where we came to stop 2 hours but [did sit] as nothing to [us]. I expected more green on the right bank. There is really none or but a [steep] if not in many good wide. [] in width] with

[__]. I [embanks] with birds here and there and large flock of cranes and ibises. Boats very frequent as many as 15-18 in sight on own. High sail the bow [luft] fairly high. Then a mast if in above the gunwale with the [__] boarded inside and outside filled up with clay which keeps out the water. A broad (sketch) [__]. The yards 70-80 feet long.

Thu 22 February 1872

Banks all the same. About 3pm [peeped] through [__ __] when I heard the voices of men in the water. [__ __ extras __] the monastery at the top of the rock (sketch) [__] (3) swam off [swim] with boat but then [__] naked and clambering for backshish. The day was very cold with sharp north wind (thermometer 56). They wanted money and something to [__], and swam off after a time. Passed a number of [__ __] and at [Minyah] went on shore for 2 hours. This native town [awfully __] wretched people has a palace with four gardens. The sugar mills on an immense scale and an array of children and camels and donkeys were bringing in the cane. The [rollers] fully 4 feet long slightly too thin about 16 inch rain. I saw 15 at least. Boiling or vac pans (sketch) each about 8 ft high and more across with 50 or so with centrifuges. The fly wheel [__ __] 15 ft diameter and many of this. A long range of furnaces. This was the largest but only one of 4 or 5 we saw in the day. The superintendent English mayspoken Native. The children paid in [passes] for [which __ bed beans in staples etc]. Slow [__] all the [living]. Saw a [Hoopee] on [__] of house. I don't think it was. Cold. Black children brought the coal in baskets on their heads and worked all [-] long. [For] no pay. Forced to work. Not [yet] 8 yrs old [from] By us lay 2 small [__]. Stone ([__ __]) very soft and children [when __], not a man worked a bit, 2 men with [stakes] kept the children at it. At night men and women and children belonging to the boats laid down to sleep with no covering for the cold on but a bit of matting.

Fri 23 February 1872

Off [Kunick] the range of sandstone cliffs lofty. [O __] summit and then another on the top, all afternoon long. (sketch).

Sand and sun. Left M at 5am so as to be in good trim at [Biniscapu]. Got there at 8am a broad strip of green $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide [__] back for the water [__] on N. bank, a rare thing to see. Then the sand rises at once [__] up to the foot of the cliffs. [Initially] sprinkled with [less __]. First off the boat, the cliffs receded. A gorge about 200 yds across up which we went on [a __] hand many doors in the rock with some square openings with windows above. Up some way on the right we came to a [__ __] I [__ __] of A.H., but from it was [Sp __ __]. A single [g---] with [family] visits [paintings] inside. Then along the top of the going [__] from the north going parallel, this room and [passing] 2 views of A.H. in ruins in over 2 miles and then up the steep slope, very broken, to the base of the cliffs where the [__] are. [Big] with the South and to north; all with paintings wonderfully clean of old "Egyptian Life" in rows about 1 foot high and all of our dull red color, except over on [north] which had more variety of tint. The hieroglyphics [coloured from]. Donkeys no saddle and we [__] on high or anything, and stuck on as we could. Cries of Backshish [__] with lot of [__ __] with [__] and one girl looking about 12 carried a baby. Cath had her own saddle. Sore. Dahob passed in [__] down. It is getting rather warm [__ __] for them to go up. Wind from south but very fresh and crisp.

Sat 24 February 1872

This morning at [Afriost] about 1 ½ miles from [mon] on E Bank. Got on donkeys and rode through green [factor] to town, a handsome place for Egypt lying at foot of the [] [limestone] which some behind with its face honeycombed with tombs small and great. Below the top line a long row of small ones. Left donkey at foot and climbed up to a large tomb [] into []. [] chambers covered with hieroglyphics and sculpture. The edge of the [fig] being cut away then centre fig [on camel] with the [] of the back. The [] to me very old. On the surface traces of [] or []. Up to the top of the hill a big climb. but a sweeping view far superior to that for Pyramids. Ex [] all round a [] stretch of green on both sides the Nile and up and down coming sharp up to the desert which stretches away to the west as far as eye sees and rising up to low hills. Air fresh and delicious. Down by the cemetery very large and very clean, on the hill side bones in plenty with mummy cloth [over] them. The tombs square or parallelograms with white walls all crenulated (sketch) and in all the large ones a white [room]. Then the Bazaars. Such a crowd [] no crowd in London to [compare]. The chief articles [] calico slippers and fine [] worn in [largest] hotels [] here very good. Things like crocodiles for scraping the feet with. The [] camel and horse market full of camels, a camel worth £8. The donkeys and cattle in [] no good horses. Some of us bought handsome fans of ostrich feathers with ivory handles, one very large for 17/-. Back to ship. Nile Valley [green] all the way. Is from a [] along right bank with the cliff behind. At [] the cliff come right down to the water, with frequent tomb holes in face. Birds plenty. Storks, cranes. [Two] fish caught in the Nile. Mullet with about 2-3 lbs each and soft and tasteless. Came on sandbanks sometimes but soon off again. []. Then 65 at sundown.

Sun 25 February 1872

Sailed all day. Service twice. Dr Nelson in the morning and Dr [Buttrose] the afternoon. A cold [] day very cloudy. And not once see the sun, no rain, yet it felt damp. Plenty of birds on shore and a flock of pelicans, very beautiful in flight, the first we had seen. [] numbers of [S] on both banks. [Southern] then on the lower hill (sketch) heads [projected] [sixty] on a plinth and at back 2 heads

In the evening to see dancing girls at Karnack where they are still allowed. Went to houses of [] at Karnack about 2 miles by moonlight. Shown into the front room about 18 x 10, after which the girls came in 3 in no. One [] Down] in blue with her neck and bosom covered by chains of gold coin of all sizes to size of [] or bigger. Hair long down back in small plaits interwoven with gold [coils]. The second in [finish] and similar ornaments. The third in [] with close fitting bodice and []. [] [] a band of silver filigree work very finely woven. Two danced together facing each other occasionally [] over. Ten dances very monotonous. Corsetry of [] vibration of hips with occasional backward and forward movement and at times vibration of shoulders. The youngest seemed rather to like it and shook and wriggled as if it were no exertion.

Mon 26 February 1872

Lay last night at [Sahtu]. a fine scape of cliffs opposite which soon broken off suddenly in a bold headland the [af--] of 2-3 miles deep round which hill ran [other] down to water [afar]. (sketch) At far [] there were told that a Sheik was [on throne] that the crew also visited to [propitiate and secure his] against sandbanks. Went to see him and could [fatman] and sat on the shore stark naked with his face to the [sun]. About him in front sat a dozen people of

all ages kissing his hands etc. He was very dirty. A [worn] face with hands black with [mud] and the skin generally sound, [hardened][Mediliki]. Have [] in short thick tufts like wool [his shorter] than the peoples but took [] [] [], but sat [waving] his hands over a small fire of bits of reeds of which a sort of embankment lay round him and []. [] to keep off a little of the [urine]. He was reputed 70 yrs old and had been there 20 years. [] night and day as we saw him. The ground about all clean. Wind cold Thermometer 58. In the [Durum] [palace] for first time, not graceful in skirts. There and at p. with [] []. First in [] [charters] size of [whales]. Along a poor looking []. The [Holes] now included for the water on both sides with brown open flats, the hills of grander outline, but [partly] sand color. Shadoofs everywhere and a few [Sakits] on a sandbank 5 large vultures with some carrion. Saw smaller hawks and some other birds about. At 2 opposite [Dendera] (*Dandarah*). The mound visible about 3 miles off on left bank. Donkeys and through rich green plain with many labourers in the fields. At Dendera an [u] accumulation of earth [] in great broken heaps.

The temple comes on you all at once and [] onward to the portico but 2 [ovens] of round bricks at end of which [] sections capitals of the six pillars with the [f] and a few [fast] of the col. themselves. Down a strip into the [portals]. Most [] 24 pillars 8 ft diam and sixty as a base of almost 11ft diam and 18 inch high, all carved with figures and hieroglyphics. The walls [] all through the temple. Even the dark staircase all chiselled up to the roof. The ceiling all nicely ornamented but with blackwood with [smoke]. The outer wall fully 6 ft thick of finely hewn stone. The outer [] covered in figures, [] [life closing them] At each [] 3 [lions].

Tue 27 February 1872

Today to Luxor. Opposite Luxor the hills which keep close to water hitherto recede and [1] [] and of semi-circular form. Over [orchards] the bare cliffs look down in grand forms rising fast to 800 or 1000 feet. To Karnak where it is not easy to [describe], it came up to what I expected and that was []. The grand Hall of Col[umns] is certainly most marvellous, the remainder in such ruin that our [Shepherd] [wanders] to [adjoining], the [chaos] is perfect. This [fallen shell], the [], the portions which are [] perfect on all sides are certainly magnificent. The Southern Portico is perfect and its [proportion] [charming] and the walls curiously []. look [] as it had been loosely piled up then as if tumbling down.

Wed 28 February 1872

Today to the Temple of [Thebes] and the [Private] Tombs. [Medinat Habu] very fine. The Rames [] struck me less. The Colossi at a [] Small, like large dolls in the middle of the plains but within 500 yds. They grow on you all at once and the people at their foot on []. The [Memnon] looks rather the larger to me, though [] same size. But the back view of the other far the best for the back [] very perfect. Hair [closely confined] and then apparently tied in a long [] (sketch). Hair work to fit on pedestal, the [feet] and legs covered with [roman] a fresh inscription. I made out that of [Emile] [D] and another [] [] for the second time. An arab climbed up into the lap and [struck] the stone with a somewhat ringing sound but not clear. The temples stand on the sand just beyond the [] of the []. The Colossi surrounded by [green] everywhere which extends about [] beyond this to the sand. Beyond this [] jagged cliffs rise in great beauty. Arabs surround you an all

sides for bakshish and selling souvenirs and bits of [Saarabia] etc. The last asked lays prices for say 4/ to 6/ each. Wooden faces for coffins, bits of coffins with the coloring on, mummy cloths etc. The heat very great and the young children [] and [] at you stopping at a safe distance and sheirking out 'Bakshish Ahoy'. In most of the T[ombs]; painting and very low relief of figures, but in one [] with 3 [miles] [] in each 2 figures in black basalt of very old style with somewhat negro faces these in [] with [] [noses] very curious. Not mentioned in any book.

Thu 29 February 1872

A very fatiguing day to the Tombs of the Kings. Across the Nile then a mile in deep coarse sand, then by corn fields to Khrornah, when small temple of much beauty. Then along a winding defile of frightful desolation. The road at the bottom just wide enough for the donkeys while on both sides steep [accl_] slope with boulders of all sizes and shapes and then up rose through the yellow cliffs [] to 1000 at highest. (sketch) It is a long [] with halts just under the highest peaks of the [ramp]. [] you see the extremes of the tombs a small door cut not in the perpendicular cliff but in the rocky slope at the foot. (map). You descend by a path a few feet wide and the door is quite small and then down, down, down into passages [] here and there into chambers supported by pillars to others with small [ante] chambers 8-10 feet square the walls carved and with paintings. The pillars also, the colours being [wonderfully] bright. [] in [Bruan] Tomb, where the figures also of large size, the [dups] most elaborate. In one a large granite sarcophagus broken in 2 in another one complete larger than the other. The [Afin] family, i.e. the cavity [complex].

Fri 1 March 1872

Today to Esneh. Day very hot and no donkeys. [Mianaur] anchored 1 ½ miles from town, the water being very shallow close by. Had to walk there and back. [] hot sun and along the dry sand. But the temple splendid. Only the hall of columns round which the [Easter] and debris now closed up to [] the capitals but the interior all cleaned and the effect superb. [] go down from the outside by steep steps so [need] the light inside is dim, but most effective. The pillars 24 in number in 4 rows of 6 each and [] perfect. The capitals all different and all [Elijah] shafts about 7ft diam perhaps more and 40 high.

Paid for wine etc to [] and costs £1/7

Sat 2 March 1872

A fine morning. Started to see Edfu at 8am. Expected donkeys, but with four not enough and no saddles, only rugs. So walked, about a mile through corn fields and tobacco etc. This Temple in [shadow] of the small native village over which is rising in fit splendour. By far the most satisfactory thing I have seen in Egypt with its presence at times wonderful. The great pylon 240 ft wide and 100 high (sketch) and 36 deep. You ascend by [] of 247 steps which goes round a square pillar [] 8 x [8] off which in all chambers lead. The thickness of walls [minor] say 12 ft. The front of pylon with enormous reliefs of Pharoah [] [ing] []. Has the hair of about 20 all gathered together in his hand and the other hand holds an axe (sketch). The figure 50 ft high. Then a splendid court with pillars on 3 sides. Then the [pro_] with 12 columns the wall of columns with 12 . 7ft diam. Then the sanctum with [common] round at off which lead small chambers all lighted by small hole in roof. [] [] of wall covered with figs and hieroglyphs. After sand, a block of granite 15 x 7 x 7 hollowed

out with a seat and some [] on the front and behind still rough (sketch). Some large figures of [hand] in front with granite inside outer wall a corridor ran all round about 12 ft wide, covered with work on both sides. Mr [Charn of the Hippot] often separated [] as big as a [house] in comparison with []. Outer wall 35 feet high and covered in what has been []. The [] trace for about 44 ft. Amaz [] fig with walls ten ft apart from []. The [] walls 8ft thick. The stones of other walls 18 or 20 inches high and about 3-4 long in very []. The pillar hall roofed as the sanctuary with stones as much as 18 x 12 x 3.

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The [bottom] of temple is all fill in a [] at base. Stone of [] up tapering slightly from base (sketch} set on base about 2 ft wide and in all the [leaves] below ornamented [] with figures and carving above. The [sanctuary] box in Temple of Edfu yesterday had on it this [Castornate] of [Aug] about 240 years before the Temple was built. Just taken possession older building.

Sun 3 March 1872

This morning to [Kom Ombo]. [] out in left. But the [] very fine. Some of the coloring very perfect. The length small [] very, very []. All the stones of fol size 24 x 5 x 5 or 16 x 8 x 4 are the [] some of the stones very large. The portico ornate with only 5 pillars [] in a row, 3 rows or 15 in all, the capitals varying and finely carved, the first about 22ft round or more than 7 in diameter. At the top of the capital twice as wide (sketch) the leaves are coloured blue and green and with red [fillet]. About 10 ft of shaft above ground possibly 25-30ft below. In the afternoon Hagar Sitsilis (Hagar Siltileh). On shore to funery where also [funeral] [grottos] and individual figures with hieroglyphics.

(sketch)

Double [porticos] of Kom Ombo

Mon 4 March 1872

This morning to Philae at 7am. Through the town. First had pilot for about 3 miles below Assowan (Aswan), The navigation very difficult, the stream in places not above 2-3 times width of [refil] with rocks out of the water on all sides. Rode out of town through a [] valley with tombs and other scenery of old [findings] along the side on right hand for a long way. For miles not a blade of grass, till about a [] for this Cat some date trees showed the nothing here, very rugged. The rocks all granite and very smooth as if varnished, so smooth and shining. [] small villages with date trees till we came [] the hills had scooped out a smooth bay with shore so regular it looked like a dock and then about 200 yds away lay Philae. I was disappointed (sketch) with it. From I [] see, this large Temple [re__d] and first part of the Island, but the columns are not finished and thin columns and small only 2 ½ in diam and about 15ft high, the capitals of a good many not carved at all, only roughly shaped. The [pylon] and [court are firstly] but after [] looked paltry. The same temple at the side overlooking town [] on the west side is very pretty and very perfect. The crowd of natives immense, and took away all comfort. The eternal cry of Bakshish. [Several] feels with only this and fringe of leather, []. Many had [] rings in ears both above and below good shoes in the market. One had large [] in ears. Many asked a price and in []. This [] to it pretty well

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Offered ostrich feathers, not many antiques, with [Arabian Viewer spaces] etc, in African also baskets and crockery of good quality. A few [] about 20 pretty jars with a large basket for 10/- the shapes very good. For 3 [] bowls I paid 1/3. The negro [faction] is here also as common as the arab. Ostrich eggs cost 3/- each. Silver finger rings 3/- 4/- and bracelets from 25Fr to 50 Fr the pair.

Last night to see dervishes use [then] [close] to fill 2 lamps on table and a [] hung from a tree. By a large [banner] under 2 sides of which sat the spectators on benches. A thin [] []. At the top sat the (sketch) boy and his friends and then dervishes in 2 rows before him about 28 in []. 2 [flood] at each end and a chanter or 2 other sang while the Dervishes stood in 2 rows facing each other on 2 pieces of mat. They [] moved their feet, but [j_ed] up and down, throwing forward the head with a grunt and this changed then to a swing round to one side and then to the other grunting out [ya allah] with each swing. At times one would give a sharp cry, but only one man chanted.

Tue 5 March 1872

This morning to Philae [] and within the Cat [cataracts] again. Fit into a boat and rowed about ½ miles down the river till we saw the bank narrow and heard a roar of water, then got out and walked to [] ten stones, about 100ft wide last [] banks of rock, the proportions of which throw off the water so that the opposing waves meet in the centre and batter on in a sort of mane or crest, the fall probably

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1000 ft long curving to the right. A man swam in above the rapid with a log of wood about 10ft by 9-10 inches thick. On this he sat near the [] end and guided it with his hands. He sat quite upright and did wonderfully. The elder [] about a cross in calm water on similar logs. Saw no sign of crocodile anywhere. In Philae I expected to see the [] temples green and date trees over the [], but the date trees are not many and the surface generally over a heap of rubbish in unsightly mounds of earth mixed with broken bridles and stones and pottery on which rise ruined walls of [logs] of sundried bricks with broken [circles] of the []. Round afternoon, tour of these earth built ruins, large and imposing, the [dry] favours them remaining for a little rain. Would scoop them away. They are built in courses of upright and flat (sketch). At [] of H. Ombu, similar thundering for some way down the river. At top of [above pylon] in Philae is a small chamber representing the [] [] [] [] flying]. Philae lies pretty high, the small temple overlooks the river from probably 120 feet. At every spare foot of ground, [] on the [] rising for the water. [] planted. This seems the chief crop. Coming back from the Cat[aracts] stopped at the quarry. The marks of the [] are visible in the granite in many places (sketch). An obelisk lying where it had been cut, the base hidden by sand, the apex partly [] (sketch). it was 10-10 ½ ft across [] 11ft] and six ft out of the ground. I thought it very short, or rather [] ing] ½ or 2/3 of the whole length was visible, but it stopped 29 yds then were 2 deep cuts across it about 3 inches deep.

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While there an immense flight of storks came up from the South very high in air. They looked as thick as a dense cloud of gnats of a summer day and they circled in unison with several landing in fields, 10000 in all, a wonderful sight.

Thu 7 March 1872

Luxor

Bought [] scarab. At the [] sale. 2 trays one with real and the other newly made. For the former 6-10/- or more. One set in [rude] gold £3 and one with a slender gold hoop attached £4. A Mr Smith who has lived here 7 years came on board The Dragon and said that he and the Pr. Com. both made scarab and antiquities, the boys who sold them [know] to say ask Mr S. and Pr. Com. and in so doing referred us to the makers. All the scarabs I saw better composition in glazed ware. Did not see one of carnelian or indeed any stone. Mrs H. paid £1 for 3. I bought several at 6^d to 2/-. A gold coin of Valentinian offered, size of 15/- piece. Boat was again to [Kaznah] having left [Aforia] on Tuesday morning. A very pleasant [] wait [] K quietly. The [French] sanctuary of mummies stones 16 x 6 x 6 Some pathways of black basalt. The [Sut] to Luxor very fine, the pylon 208 ft long and about 60ft above ground. The cornice very bold, the obelisk the finest in Egypt, carved with hieroglyphics (very deep) foot to top, and in wonderful preservation with 2 of them and 4 colossi that seated before the pylon, the effect very fine. The colossi up to shoulders, one up with middle of crown. The double crown 11 ft high. The [] 2 ft far. about P. of splendid [polish]. [] on [Sh]. The [ruins] of the portico very fine, pillars about 10 ft in diam, the capital very bold and very [fle]. Left today at 12 oclock. Stopped at [Kesoch] to take in a lot of small water jars, very pretty shape. Sold at 6 for a [f] 2/2. The date trees very fine along the bank which rose high and [st].

Fri 8 March 1872

To Abydos. The donkeys very bad, no bridle, no stirrups and little saddle, a weary ride of about 3 miles there from [Billianeh] (*Al Bayana*) and 4 back to [Girgeh] (*Girga*). We didn't get town till 7pm and it had then been an hour's dark. The saddle slopped about and I was very, very tired. The temple of A[bydos]. splendid. Nowhere such beautiful work, the walls covered with figures and hieroglyphics ten in deep and sharp. The figures most exquisite in finish, the [] and [] most delicately carved, the headdress and dress so [] in decoration and wonderful in carving. The animals, arabs etc wonderful with the freedom and beauty of form, and the whole wall between cut down so as to leave the relief. You enter a court [] only the wall [a_s] above the ground about 180 x 270. I made it only 184 long [], then [] of no [court] facing you 12 square pillars 5 ft square carved with colossal figures. Then a long corridor 12 ft wide, then a most massive wall 12ft thick, then a court 40ft wide of 24 pillars in 2 rows of 12 each, the wall 9ft thick, then court of 50ft wide with 36 columns in 3 rows of 12. Off the farther [] of this 7 chambers about 25 ft long by 15 wide. This wall splendidly carved and the roof made by [ten] enormous stones which formed it being hollowed out. [T---] very dark almost black, the farther end of each contained like a door, but [fast] of black basalt very deeply cut with [] hieroglyphics. At South end of this court a long [recess] contains ten [cart] of all the Pharoahs on the opposite walls, on one side most perfect, sharp as [] on the other very [effaced]. Towards [] a long corridor with a flight of shallow steps off which 2 chambers, one supported by 4 pillars, the other supported by 10. [] lift]. The pillars in the quiet [] not large, 5 ft in diam and 20 ft high. Other shaft is 22. [] the bases. The capita the common shape (sketch).

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Between the arched recesses were small [na] in the [this tomb] of the wall about 18 inches above the ground and about 5 ft wide and as many deep and 6 high covered with highly

coloured sculptures of exquisite beauty. The colours the [English] red/ Indian/ ochre yellow with blue [s ____], bright sky blue, [____] pale and [____] turquoise and occasionally green. This chiefly within capitals of the [____] pillars, the cartouches green coloured yellow with the figures in red and blue, the sun disk red and blue wings. Mr Smith told me that on [____] the Thermometer at Luxor rose to 120 in the shade – in an evaporation box with flaps covering. To 190 in the sun. Thin fog on the [____] of the river evening and night and today wind from the South, not strong but very oppressive. Thermometer is 90 on deck with shade and the shore covered with haze and with good dust of fine sand. When wind strong, then those covered with sand blown along as in Sydney. As soon as sun down, the temp falls at [pace], but 70 is felt pleasant, below that chilly. Mr Smith said that with Th. above 100, he did not feel any different from the higher temp.

At [Scout] (*Asyut?*) to Bazaar. and bought 6 [____ frappers] 4 for 7Fr. Saw pattern of scrapers for the feet, crocodiles, birds, apes. Ostrich feathers from 15Fr. Pottery very pretty and very cheap. A small crate full for 10/-, very elegant forms gold and black, very brittle. Went into café and had coffee in small cups. Other sherbert just hot water with sugar, the seats are long benches of cane work on a panther base. The [____ of ____] about 3 ft high with [____] of iron, an iron rod 2ft long and 2 inches thick

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(sketch) At top of room which all of dried bricks, a [____] strip on which two benches, behind a high bench of earth on which large vessels; against the wall a shelf on which $\frac{1}{2}$ doz bottles that I thought were for strong liquors but really for water [sucking]. The cups not in fingers as I have generally seen. (sketch)

Sun 10 March 1872

Today below Scout on right bank of Nile a magnificent cliff along the river bank for miles of limestone with porous and friable at top, rising to from 250 to 400 or perhaps 500 above the stream, which has undermined its base at many places. The free angle of cliff about 50 but at times 70 (sketch) Many honeycombs with caves Many of [work] had some marks of the chisel other pick. Every now and then rows of square apertures. Ground Tombs. Many small hawks and other birds. The water [here] about 12 ft above water. On left side the plain extends [miserably] as far as the eye can see.

Tue 12 March 1872

To Cairo about 10am after a dull day yesterday. Gave bedroom steward 10/-, nothing to anyone else.

Thu 14 March 1872

Today very hot. Could see the Howling [Dervishers] and was there 2 hours. The first hour consisted in chanting the Koran, [butting] on the heels and bending forward. The[n] stands opposite the priest who had a high green cap commenced bowing to those before him and they bowed at same time, they bent forward with head to knees almost 45 in the [circle], chanting at top of their voices, then [____ ly] covered the head [go in the sum] at times shouting in a deep [____] tone. They ended [____] have off and the expression of their faces became quite idiotic when [____] hair tossed about. They [____ us ____].

Then to Mosque II [Elizan] where 2 [] courts our [] our []. The forum and colonnades on 2 sides, the other covered about 21ft high about 300ft long and 200 wide covered with pillars every 30 ft. All [] and a smaller [] boys. stamping, writing cyphering on the floor.

Then to another new mosque with pillars of fine grey marble, a large open court and the [domes] open also at top (covered by [] ing) with round and pointed arches (sketch) Through bazaars. The gold [] with [] with small []. Few shops on either side. Ten people all working, [] ing and [] ing]. Kept their goods on a [] and weighed the gold when asking a price.

Fri 15 March 1872

Left Cairo for Alexandria. A splendid plain of green till $\frac{1}{2}$ from Alexandria, then the soil poor and sandy. Alexandria a fine city. The [] very cheerful [] living than Cairo and to me the air is pleasantly cooler and less [fainting]. Saw Cleopatra's needle, a poor obelisk, and Pompey's pillar, the capital is worn by the weather. [] with many [s] of black granite figures, worth preserving, lying about. Then to Catacombs, small and covered with names of visitors. Then to [Pachas] Gardens very beautiful, with fine band of [music], a number of people there in gay dress and a number of carriages at gate.

Sat 16 March 1872

On board [Rupier] for Jaffa very full and could fit only second berth. [] bad out of it. Was pleasantly surprised. All very nice. Cath berth (First class) very good [] d].

Sun 17 March 1872

Today a crowd of germans at Port Said 25 a [foot] of Cook party with many others who came from Port Said. At the [places] saw the beginning of the canal. [S] form [] between 2 walls of masses of concrete which rise out [] into the sea, which has in $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years returned about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile from the houses on [courtesy] of the sand being washed up. Port Said a flat [dirty] place full of small shops, a few hotels but very busy port. 30 Thames in the stream with dock with lots of small boats all [painted] Port Said. Isthmus of Suez. The table excellent even in second cabin. Little morning tea with sugar and [Russian] bread and butter and various sweet biscuit. At 11 [] sausage lobster, meat and vegetables, poultry cheese and fruit. Same as first class cabin with ours much less. At dinner [cam] brandy, [] with the soup. [] []. Landed sound.

Mon 18 March 1872

A terribly hot night. Got to Jaffa at 2pm and [hardly] able to land. The town picturesque from the sea, rising on and covering a high knoll from which the coast stretches away on either side in sandy dunes. The town wall of stone and has a [holed] look which is new after the villages of Egypt. A [heap] of rocks with what seems the remains of old superstructures stands in front of the town and away at either end about 100 yds further [] and [] this is a channel not more than 20-30 ft wide through which the boat []. It is [rung] in a [] that they can [later]. The crowd a nois [] I soon saw such a fight for the luggage. Got through the town by very dirty streets very narrow at times with [] arches spanning them as if to prevent the 2 sides coming together. Many very [] points of view. Had fine [] above the Valley of Sharon. Went to Greek Church. [] a taper the

priest swung incense about. 13 olive lamps hung up [] often [] screens ch. of wood, beautifully carved. A little boy chanted wonderfully. The children [] wonderfully handsome and good-looking, both boys and girls. To Greek [convent] when [] by a [] [] vocational] and water. Then to a Roman Catholic [] a sweet liqueur. Very courteous at both. Then to Orange Gardens which magnificent; [ten] trees about 8 ft apart and loaded with fruit. A small basket with say 50 oranges worth a franc.

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Along the roads [] [people] of [Cactus] the finest I ever saw, the fruit said to be very p? Date palms here and there. [Some] are truly all up. Very comfortable, about 15-16 feet in diam. with [large other] good. 2 beds [partitioned] table basin etc. Very good dinner soup bread, boiled leg of mutton, beef olives with potatoes and [] chicken stewed [prunes] and coffee.

Tue 19 March 1872

High wind over night with rain and then morning the sea rolled in on great billows all along the shore so that we may be very thankful for getting on shore yesterday. I slept all night. Off [our tents a country] at which the Turkish women out at 6am to pray []. Some tombs covered with shells which abound on the sand, very abundant. All our sort; a sort pf cockle and palm branches arched over the [graves], little bunches of flowers stuck about. Most of the graves have little upright stone slabs at one or both ends with Arabic words cut in. Rain all morning (sketch) in heavy squalls. At noon broke (no rain had fallen for 20 days till yesterday).

About 2pm we got away through lovely orchards[ed] with [cactus]. These last magnificent 12 to 15ft high sometimes and very thick. Occasionally mulberry and tamarisk trees. Out of the garden we enter on the great Sharon plain which slopes gently upwards and [tan] hills soon show far off but round and soft. On right hand grand houses every mile or so (sketch) to keep order among the Arabs, but for some years the country [kept] safe.

Wed 20 March 1872

Camped last night in a fine olive grove, the trees of [great] size some 10ft in diam, and wonderfully rugged and twisted. Thunder and rain very heavy. [] the []. In the morning very wet. When it [dawned] soon in to Lydda, the church lately repaired. A fine arch and pillar with pilaster and part of the apse [] of the old []. The stones of good size and well laid. Then to a school supp[lied] by Church[history] the [] a beautiful both young [] (although nearly blind of both eyes from ophthalmia.) The children were examined scripture, history etc and answered very readily. Many are of Moslem parents, most pay nothing. Are [learning] reading, writing and arithmetic. Sang 2 hymns very well in Arabic. On through rich country and passing Gimzo [] [story country with] road. The **scenery very like the [barren] of the South of Scotland.** Round low hills covered with loose stones [] on rock properly out of the ground in great [] and boulders. Road [] [crack] and winds up [] at tonight and left within an olive tree here and there. Nothing else. The [] of the country [thick] [] with having a pale bluish grey look from the quantity of stone that cropped out.

Thu 21 March 1872

[Beit il Fokah] a miserable place to which we climbed last night by a frightful road. We lunched after noon on the old Roman road which still in many places [] about 20 ft wide with large stones at the sides. At a few places the pavement all of good sized stones still pretty perfect. The road all day dreadful and dangerous, especially bit down []. After leaving B.H (Beit Horon?) an ½ hour you came to a spot where you look down the [] river. It is clear that the [Amalit] (Amonites?) coming over the edge of the hill [] fled down [them] which lies on our right and takes an easy slope down to the plain of Ayalon. Farther on you rise towards the crest of the hill where Gibeon (now Al Jib) becomes visible and looking back with B.H. are its [] you can speak of the going up to B.H. properly, but that any went up to B.H. and then down again I [] doubt. Road dreadful. Ten hills most [] the strata fully well [] and cropping out in [] and [] layers like the steps of an amphitheatre with braced or narrow green benches. The amount of land under cultivation is very small, but very [precious]. You [corn] down among the boulders when not above [] of [] or [] and bits of ground size of a room surrounded by a wall 4 or 5 ft thick of stones, loose but []. The factor 2/3 stones to 1/3 earth. At [Neby Samuel] (Nabi Samuil) grand view. After [this] the hills [still] [] barren and black with scarcely even an olive, the road like a sharp track and the hills like bare Scotch hills with instead of [beauty] heather, a sort of low prickly shrub that the people gather in bundles for fuel. At Heby [] a grand view of the old Church [] of the Crusader times. Now saw Jerusalem, the Western (on Page Wed 13 March 1872)

wall about 5 miles off with the domes of the Church of the [Ascension] the mosque of Omar the Jews [Tyre] rising above the [roof] To the north Gibeah and Ramah and Beeroth. The distance behind us we looked down on the Plain of Philistia, so like the sea that I could not have known where land ended and sea began but for the long line of yellow sand which divides the two plains of green. From North to South downhill among hills [al] more barren than any I had seen, nothing but white stone. The regularity of the way in which this crops out was very remarkable [feat]. The [] were carefully sewn with corn, often not more than a moderate-sized [work] enclosed by immense walls. We traversed round the hill side just as in Scotland along a sheep track among the heather, about 1 ½ miles from Jerusalem. The olives became abundant and the country greener. [] ed the tombs of the [Jud] a small square door in the rock leading to several small chambers in which 3 rows of holes for coffins and bodies, or some like this (sketch) on 3 sides. All hewn in solid rock. From this, flat ground to Jerusalem. Passed along the [Rep] Crescent where large buildings and grounds to the Jaffa Gate at the upper part of the Valley of [Ascension] where we found [our tents] looking down on the Mount of Olives and the Valley of Prophets.

Fri 22 March 1872

Today about Jerusalem. First to Church of Holy Sepulchre – a mass of beauty. The outer court occupied by people selling [] rosaries etc and mother of pearl and olive wood. At the [font] of the church a [] [soldier] lying on a mat, to keep [] away the Church [sides]. Took a short [] of the church and the holy spot, then [] laid. Down through the Tomb of David to Pool of Bethesda an immense [] very [] with some sheep and a donkey at the bottom. Tower of Antonia St Stephen's gate (aka Lion's or Sheep Gate). The Gate very old of nicely carved wood plates at the top and in many places with iron and secured by an extraordinary lock. In the hall here a fine view of Mount of Olives and also Gethsemane. The road to the country leads steep down at a right angle to the hall of the gate

and possibly straight up the Mt of Olives [] at [] right and left. To right passing [both] Gethsemane with a [] of [groves]. [] a road slopes up the hill, on the left a [] [space] with olive trees. On the right a trim garden with cypresses and some young olives and people praying. The number of Russians about and yet you meet them everywhere. Went to the big Holy Wall. [] wall beneath the []. [] the Golden Gate walled up and then looked down on the opposite side of the Valley (*Kidron*) where [] very [] on the Tomb of Absalom and St [Cl]. The [] a small square surface with conical roof sits in a [clean] cut away in the [] round by the gate El [] and through a fine garden of prickly pear, the fruit I even saw [] 15 such [], when we came on the [] of the [] the Tyro [] now filled up [quite] but once of immense depth. The afternoon to the [wailing] place [] a hundred people men and women and some children. Some old women with [spectacles] and []

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Bible which they held in the air and read from aloud. The men leaned against the wall and breathed through the chinks between the stones and prayed audibly, [ing] their head or their hands. Others stood behind, all with the Jewish fur trimmed hat and long gown. Several sat on the heels against the wall behind (Spanish Jews I heard). The space about 17ft wide, the wailing place about 100ft long [] the wall of the temple of bevelled stone 9 courses above the ground of 40 inches each, about 12-15 feet of more modern work.

Sat 23 March 1872

This morning left Jerusalem about 8am and on by Mar Elias (*Monastery*) passing Bethlehem on the left ([] at once from its lofty church) and Bayt Jala on the right with 2 handsome churches. The [filthiest] place I have seen in Palestine. On by Rachel's Tomb, a small square building with dome. On to the Pools of Solomon, most interesting, especially the lowest which was very perfect. Its upper end when hollowed out in semi-circular form like head of a graving dock with the appearance of its walls exactly [] of the tanks at Aden. I am in doubt if it be cemented, but think it is [] or picked up a piece of rock. The cement very [mature], 1/3 of a inch thick, orange tan. Steps inside the [] are worn away at corners [] and the [] tonight to show through of cemented] but it did not. The lower pool chiefly excavated in solid rock heightened with walls. The upper one almost all chiefly masonry. The fountain which supplies these very curious. You [] a small door in the side of the hill and go down a flight of a dozen steps or more. At the foot you come on a chamber with a square [] about 6 ft square [] full of bubbly water which comes in by 2 apertures and flows out by 2 others.

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Farther in is another chamber with round well into which the water comes by an open channel from inside the hill. Out of this 3 channels had about 1 ft in drain going [] to the pools and on straight to Jerusalem. The construction wonderful. From this by wild hill [scenery, misty] only 70 [warm] (going) with poor blue [flowers] up to the knees and carrying a load of turnips and small wood. Then through a succession of [] ed valleys [] like Scotch moors with the thorny shrub in place of heather, and each rising till line [] crossed and the last 2 being the largest and most [] being pretty thickly planted with corn. We passed several flocks of black goats with [] boys tending them and several ploughing. Our man had only a crooked [] a [] which took the shaft of the plough, it was harnessed to a mule by 2 ropes and he drove it with a goad. The furrows not above 5 inches deep. After

crossing the last valley and passing [Raineh] and Halhul, a town like a border [post] on the top of the hill to the right, we turned down to the right along the hill side and gradually down to the valley of Eshcol along which we rode. At the head of this passed narrow lane with walls of loose stone but less than 10 feet thick. In the valley very rich soil, the hill sides carefully terraced. The valley [mostly] occupied by vines all planted on way. The stones about 4-5 feet long [and 24] at the end [__ ed] and all but a couple of 30-40 towards the north and at the free end supported by a [parted] stick in rows about 8-10 feet apart. (sketch). The stones 6-12 inches round along the road. Big trees and [large] with [__] a foot in [__]. The road through village narrow with good stone wall on both sides.

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Off road to see Abraham's oak which lies off about 400 yds. Found it surrounded by [__] stone fence (a Russian has bought the ground [__] of late). A fine tree 24 round 2 ft above ground and 30 ft above high, [diving out] 4 great branches about 6-8 feet round each. Bought some acorns (evergreen oak with small [__ volate] leaves)

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Today at Hebron, and a lovely day, so cool and fresh. Bright sun. Our tents are on the hill side with west side of the valley facing Hebron [__ __] on the opposite side is the temple of Abraham crossing the town. The town runs all along the bottom of the valley from N to S filling it up as far as we can see. The houses all of [__] 2 or 3 storeys high and very substantial in look. Before us is the upper [pool/part] small and dirty, but the lower part [full] is a fine [__] (50ft deep of good clean water, a boy swam about in it and called for bakshish. Cath by the children is [overblown] peeping in at the tent, but very pretty both boys and girls. The Tomb is very [__] but we saw only the outside. The stones large and smooth, bevelled at tops and many with [__] centre, the pilasters all [round] very [singular]. In each [__] where the pilaster opening for the wall a round [nob] of them projected. The lintels narrow and of [__ __]. Went in to old court with small [__] doors round the wall leading into [__ __] houses. The court had [vines] [__] over it with lemon almond pomegranate and apricot trees. Up hill and had fine view 50 miles away to the South. Coming back saw glass blowing and luckily the glass [__ __ __] very [ingenious]. 8 or 9 men sat round a circular oven or furnace [__ __] liquid glass [metal] and each man opposite a small door from which he drew the glass and had a small table before him on which he rolled it [out]. The wine of H. very good and rather strong of a fruity [__] tint with a good deal of astringency, with water very good. Paid for 2 bottles 3/-. The people make many raisins and also mead.

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The Jews make the wine. Bottles of different kinds made of the glass very pretty. The children [singularly] pretty of both [sexes] and very bold. From top of hill above [Markah] a splendid view down to tan brown and red area. The cemetery on the face of the hill below and beside us. Most [graves] circular space surrounded by good sized stones. A few with massive stone mounds over them. [__] at window of a saint's tomb and children shouted at us. Many women about in blue gowns with [__] or white veils which came also to ground behind when the loose corners were too long.

Mon 25 March 1872

Left early and by Valley of Eschol passing number of [trees] I [dare say] 10 in sight at once in the vineyards, some loose stones with square form, others of hewn stone with arched chambers inside and loopholed walls. Good residences and places of defense, [all] in running condition and by rocky road due west, rising till at least 3000 feet above sea. Saw vines at 2500 feet. Nearing Teffuah (*Tepuah*) a fine situation. An old town at the side of a hollow in the [sadfi] [before] at olive groves a cornfield. Beyond the [sadhi] a fine view away towards the sea. On to Idhna commanding 2 valleys. A ruined town and village [] old places very unalike, a ruined wall or [] within which are houses of the natives, all of stone with grass growing on the roofs [] miserably only and in the centre a town like a border post. The road [] Teffuah and Idhna very bad indeed but beautiful [wild] country full of wild flowers. After this the country opens. The valleys wider and open with round soft hills and [] with young corn, [] barley in some. No more vines. Then [] away the hills, especially in the terraces at the bottom of the [glens]. The hills come down sharp and across, the bottom (sketch) terraced and cultivated. [About] the olive trees the [] for a space of 20 ft drain. very fertile, [man] with an [] [corn] rows etc. We looked to Beit Jibrin (*now Beit Guvrin*) Saw the [goat] lying at the bottom, which is green. The dogs
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very fierce. Indications of caves in many directions. B.J. esp. interesting than I expected, on low [] with [second] church on right on opposite hill. Dr. [] says the true path. The valleys covered with [chamomile] and a flower like a primrose, and the hills the wild myrtle and a sort of wild rose with [geranium] Robert are the chief plants. Also [arbutus], the [cyclamen] everywhere [] the rocks. The [anemone] not so frequent here. From B. J. to [Tell Safreh] shows fine open country. The [Tell] rises before us steeply and we climb up its eastern side, which very [surmountable] being like the half of an amphitheatre with terraced concavity while a [] stony hill facing it nearly completes the [] of the amphitheatre. These terraces very fine and seg. (sketch). Wound over the top and down a tremendously steep slippery to other side. Coming up you look back on stony country due east like the hill country of [Idhna]. Looking west you have the fine plain of Philistia flat before you, green to the sea, the villages considerable and people very civil.

Tue 26 March 1872

In the morning up to remains of old building on top, certainly not less than 200 ft above the plain. The view amazing taking in Gaza and Ashdod white very clear, and some [Ranslah] Ekron not well made out. 2 miles south on a peak a largish village [Berkvos]. Beit Jibrin already seen and a noble view of the hills of [Judah]. A greater contrast could not be than the country east and west. Up to *Az Zacharya* and [] are a [corn field]. Go south round base of Tell Z. Then came on the water course which divides the valley [] At a very deep well many women [drawing] water and washing. They poured water into a stone trough and then beat their clothes with a stone. The valley here runs south. Turning to the East it [] expands with fine fields

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of corn and here the acacia began to show along the banks.

This is the field of Battle [] David and Goliath, (*Valley of Elah or Ha'Elah*) and one well sees the whole scene. The valley here at top is 2 miles wide [] with Beit Nettef (*Netiv*) [] to the left. On the right a [] wild glen [] () [] Struck across the fields on the left and then to the right up a very wild [] with a dreadful road and

[noted] at a well of beautiful water at the base of the hill and covered in by large stones. This must have been the way by which David probably came with his 10 cheeses and loaves to the camp. On and on, up and down though with stony hills with ruined forts crowning the peaks, here and there we [] looked down on the Convent of St George, a good sized building in the valley with grain fields and olive trees about it. On the descent, could see Solomon's pool to the South.

Wed 27 Mar 1872.

This morning to see convent, a handsome church and saw but one monk or priest but [no] about. A large handsome room with [] all round. A child 2 years old with anklets with bells. Had sweet meat and [wine]. In the entrance of the convent donkey baskets (sketch). Inside the Church in a corner a man sat eating onions and cucumber with [iron] collar round neck with a large chain fastened. This passed through wall of church and was fastened in the passage to a nail. From there to Bethlehem by Rachel's Tomb passing **Beit Jala** with its 2 miles wide of olive trees. To Bethlehem and the church. The church fair. The pictures [] [] [] (a saint painted on [] pillar below the top). On the walls of the [nave] over the pillars some large patches of old mosaic with [] inscription. A screen shuts off transept and choir. The centre [] operated] to the [], the [] to Armenians. Then left to [historian] and []. the centre round by 2 ft above the others, several mementos in silver of Holy Family with painted faces and hands and the glory in silver gilt [then Latin]. The [] below a long narrow passage hung with many silver lamps at the end of which a [large] [] and deep fireplace with a very broad mantle piece. Above it a [] shelf] farther back and an altar (sketch). Then [] []. On right hand a small square [] down 2 steps [above] the [] worshipped inside a picture of the subject in a silver frame

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In the town no end of people selling crosses and [] etc of mother of pearl with [rosaries] of olive wood and camels bone etc, etc. [] to top of Monastery where we had first glimpses of Dead Sea. Then on to [Mia Sabu] by steep and bad road **through wild valleys like these in Scotland**, following in the valley of the Kidron, a dry water course. The scenery becomes [] wild [] till we got to **Mar Saba (Monastery)** where camped.

Thu 28 March 1872.

This morning by very desolate road, along [] very steep about 45°, and very little [] but undergrowth of small bushes like sage in size and [] of a rough thorny kind. Chiefly on north [of exposure], where the sun has less power. These [grand] become bare later hard [] and at last seem as if the [] of this material had been worn out into a hundred ravines and hollows by water power. Then the [plan] of the Dead Sea comes into view, much wider than I expected. First [] than 10 miles wide very bare looking, which the course of the border is marked by a scanty line of trees. It seems [] the hills on [] with the [] slopes] on the [] side looks [] later than []. We looked down the west shore where the hills very precipitous and [] in []. Looking up the valley [] about Jericho. The approach to the sea is over very [earthy] sand in which the feet sink as you go down 2 or 3 steps of stones like [seabeaches] before getting to the water. A fine haze [existed] everywhere. I could see probably 20 miles down the sea and [counted] 4 [bad lands] on the [Moub] side marking ridges coming down in pretty [] in [] (sketch)

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the last very hazy. The water [] ing] clear and transparent, but the taste awful, about 20 percent of salts over half of which is [] magnesium. Bathed and could stand when up to armpits but [over] went off my feet. Could float in water 15 inches deep [touching] Does not dry but leaves an oily feeling on the skin, the water splashed on the [] leaves like a white wash, for the quantity of salt very good. [] of dead wood along the shore, and some birds like snipes run along by the water. Heat very []. Up to the Jordan which you come on suddenly, a dirty muddy stream about 20 yards wide with low bank of willows and reeds etc on farther side. On this side the bank high and quite precipitous of soft [] []. One place had from [] as much as 40ft [from] the []. On to the camping place where the ford is at the pilgrims bath. [] this side is the low one, the other a cliff of 50ft high from which wall avalanches of rocks or rather stones came tumbling into the water. Current swift, did not go in above knees, mosquitoes very bad. Over the low plain to old **Jericho** where camped. Here very green and plenty of water from springs in the grass. At night the women came and danced. [Two] men, the last something like the howling dervishes, [bowing] from side to side and [crouching] [] The women (2) danced round in a measured [time] with [] their veils at [arms] length over the head and chanting while a dozen girls chanted too, and one of the women gave a shrill cry now and then such as I never heard before.

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[Left] to J. by old Jericho where some arched [] at the fine fountain of [Ain Sultan], a splendid spring the country very rich. The Mountain of Quarantania [and] above with its precipitous cliff full of holes and artificial [caves], a triple crest something like that of Ben Cruachan on Loch Awe (sketch here). Up to Jerusalem through the usual wild [] scenery but by a good road made lately at cost of a [R] [Lady]. Stopped at the [Khan], the remains of which very small but a fine [well]. Scarcely a tree all the way from Jerusalem to [Jerusalem] except some olives near the latter. At Jericho a number of thorny bushes with [stems] of large size say 10-12 inches in diam with a small green fruit size of olives. [Some] fruit bushes by way side with yellow apple looking fruit, size of plum. Road from [Jer] to [Jer] very more open than I had expected and less rugged and in no way precipitous [lead you all there]. Went straight to Holy [] and heard sermon [for] an hour then went back at 6 and heard [] music, saw procession with crucifix elevated and heard 4 sermons in French, English, German and Arabic. Saw the []. The [Ch] head in the [] where we are said to have been [Ammonite]. Cover with white covers and a small pillow. The bishop first [included] the [body] and then sprinkled oil from a silver vessel then with [spices] of which the [smell] was [quite evident], then had water poured over his hands.

Sat 30 March 1872

Yesterday the Bar down to 28.70 with dull sky. In the night about 2am, the wind came up suddenly and [] gale nearly capsized our tents, but [] been very quick and got all safe. It blew for an hour and then heavy rain. In the morning cleaned and a very pleasant [smell]. To Tomb of Absalom etc. The Fountain of the Virgin opposite [] which lies most picturesquely on the cliffs opposite a long [shaggly] and very dirty village. Then to Fountain of Siloam with very abundant. The pool which was to the right and above. Small when compared to Bethesda etc; from the fountain below river and causeway along the top of a wall which crosses the valley and is faced with stone and no [doubt] was the embankment which formed the lower pool of Siloam. At farther end the old mulberry tree where Isaiah

said to be killed. Then on to [Enrogal] and [Jacob's] fountain [a final] depth with very old stone troughs around it. The [Latin] Gethsemane has 8 fine olives [__ __] [__]. 2 very large [__ __] them 20 ft round = hollow but in full life. Back to buy olive wood trinkets.

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Left Jerusalem at 2pm and north by [Scopers] and through bare valley by dreadful road for miles. Passed [Not], one of 2 conical rising grounds with chalky summits, soon after Gibeah of Saul (now Tall al-Fūl), a village of [__d] size, then [Ranuch] and on the ridge to Beeroth on the hill side a large village with well cultivated ground about it. Over [__ __] to Bethel on the side of a little hill with bare surroundings and camped on a square in stone, walled in and hollowed on the hillside. Opposite a reservoir but where the [__ __] were said to have been. The ground very stony and barren and the village poor to a [__].

Thu 4 April 1872

This morning over ridge and looked down on Ain Yabrud a village looking down on a fine valley with fig trees covering the hills for a couple of miles. I should think many hundreds of acres and nothing but fig trees on well-tilled terraces. The corn between, the ground high and the trees had not put out their leaves and looked so bare. From this another valley or glen equally clad with fine olive trees and very beautiful and down to a glen where the [Robbers] fountain [sunny] very lovely and very pretty. Rising up again from this to the high side we had first glimpses of Hermon like a white cloud in the northern horizon and below a valley [__ly] clad with corn and olives. On other side and we looked down on the valley of – with Huwara lying on the plain left of the road; beyond it [Yitzhar] clear against the sky [but] Ebal [midden] behind it. To the right a range of hills with well-tilled sides. A bad road down. Along the valley and through the corn and lentil fields to Joseph Well, quite a ruin and no water, a low arch over it and at a few feet down, a floor with [__] hole in it. It is just in the centre of the mouth of the Valley of Nablus, (*near Balata*) and beyond it is [a thick] white wall of Joseph's Tomb. beyond this again is [Archar] a village (Sychar). The tomb (sketch) covered with white cement, hollow and the cavity contains several small lamps which the [__] use for burning oil in. A small pillar is built up at each end in which [__] is buried. Up the valley to Nabrous (Nablus) hanging on the side of Gerizim in a most lovely [site]. The streets good and for a Moslem town well paved and two fountains

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running freely. An excellent bazaar, the best in [Syria] I am told. Covered quite in and arched over with thick stone roof, in which at intervals apertures about $\frac{1}{2}$ yd square to let in light. On the way here we camped at [Lebonah] near Shiloh. The road on the Bethel side very bad and our Dragoon had a bad fall from his horse. On going back from him I lost my way and came down on [Lebonah] by another road. The Valley for Shiloh comes in here, S. is a rounded hill with plain all round and hills well planted with olive trees. On mounting for Lebonah, Hermon came in view.

Fri 5 April 1872

Last night camped close to the gate of the town and the dogs and people voices very noisy. This morning discovered that the tent had been entered in the night and a portmanteau and bag stolen. Sent at once a [__] to consul at Jerusalem, which he at once acknowledged. Went to the Vakeel (*an agent*) waiting [Governor] with Rev Mr [Carey] who were most kind.

Mr C. is a native and has an English wife now at home for her health. Meantime the Police were busy and about noon the portmanteau found all cut open but the things [in fit order] but cut very [abstracted]. A man was seen going out of town with a bag on his shoulders and in this was found the trunk. We again continued to Vakeel and the culprit was brought in well cuffed. Even kicked [] [coffee] etc. We [] ed [] the thief but said [] had from [] [] to carry]. In the afternoon the bag was found with most of the things except a tin box with all my silver trinkets from Jerusalem which cost £7, no great worry to me. They were all well-chosen. Again to Vakeel. Wrote to Consul. Authorized Mr Carey to act for me. Paid him £2 for his school at Gaza. £2 for Police, 5/ for bakshish and £1 for expenses of carriage of things if found. The Govt to pay £10 if not found. Of which I may get half. So I am sure to lose £10 besides the worry. This prevented me going up Gerizim but I went to Samaritan Chapel and saw the [Pentachurch] in a copper [] [case] with letters in Samaritan on it in 2 rolls with [] [].

Sat 6 April 1872

A lovely ride all day. The valley of Nablous most beautiful with olive, fig, almond, peach and the ground [] broken, the side of Ebal cultivated high up with [prickly] pear. The lower slopes of Gerizim more fertile than those of Ebal but its upper portions more rugged. Halfway up to the town at the mouth of the valley both hills fall back in a large sweep of similar shape as if a crater had been there. The mountain [] torn across for the valley [] through (sketch) the [] of both mountains. Very fine up towards the Eastern Valley with basaltic looking rugged cliffs. Up a long [circuit] and over a high-level ground and then looked down a narrow **glen** with not above a hundred feet of level land at the bottom. The Hill of Samaria filled up this space at the [] ed (sketch). Wound round and up a [] noble situation. The women about Nablous have a bonnet like [] old fashioned bonnet (sketch) and round the front [cap] a quantity of coins chiefly Turkish ([] []) about as big as a $\frac{1}{2}$ crown quite close together and going round the [face]). The men all wear a long shirt buttoned up to the knee in most cases and [] cloak of brown and white, a handkerchief covered the head the end falling down the back and fastened round the head by a twist of calico or sift rope (sketch). Up to round the Hill of Samaria with its many columns lying and standing about, the view most charming. The sea away to the west and a fine [] of [] hills all round. To the north

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flat and luxuriant. From this to [Deccin] through a succession of valleys in rich cultivation well-watered, and a fine orchard of the largest fig trees I ever saw, many 2ft in diameter and one I would say 3ft. Some of them half dead apparently. The younger trees in full leaf and vegetation very [] vs them 2 days ago near Bethel. After coming over last [side] we have grand view of Hermon [] view the grandest I have seen. The Plain of Esdraelon before us the fine range beyond it, the hills of Gilboan to the right and Hermon a far off. Nazareth said to be visible, the crops wonderful, and ploughing going on actively [] with 2 oxen. The women working the fields.

Sun 7 April 1872

Passed Sunday at Jenin. The valley at [Sandala] [just] very wide and [firm]. The castle looks in good repair.

Mon 8 April 1872

This morning over a low saddle, the Jezreel in view, looked from above as crowning a low hill, on the top of which an old town part of a Khan, the view fine all round but especially down the valley to the Jordan. Jezreel stands on top of the watershed so to speak, dividing the Eastern waters from the West. Jezreel a most wretched village, more hovels not houses and no remains of old grandeur as at Samaria where many old coins offered for sale, [] all defaced so as to be worthless; here none. On to Shunem, if possible worse than Jezreel from which it is easily seen on the opposite slope facing the western end of Gilboa. [] very rich fields of wonderful soil, deep with [] wild mustard and chamomile. In many parts now first sown with corn. Until within the last 2 years not safe to do anything. Ground very soft and had to cross several watercourses. To the Fountain Ain Jalud (*Well of Harod*) where Gideon drank. It lies at foot of Gilboa, a fine bold range of round hills. It rises at base of sharp cliff of 50ft high hollowed out into a [cavern] where the [cattle] stand in the [shadow] up to their knees in [pure] clear water. [] out with a shallow pond about 100 yds across in which many water tortoises swimming about, the run off eastward by tortuous course. At foot of the valley (sketch) the Hills of [Ammore] [] ed the view and the cone of [Bisson] rose like a little brown thimble.

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A sticky object. Near it ruins of large Kher of Saramaic work and Saramaic arches. Down to Tell which climbed up on foot, very steep with fine view from top, down to remains of amphitheatre all black basalt, the arches quite perfect of the southern side (sketch) 200 ft across.

Tue 9 April 1872

Very little [sleep], the [] constantly calling out and the wind very high and sky black. Jackals very loud. The governor took us to see the view of his house and gave us oranges. He marched before us in fine robe and [Elastic] boots and socks down about his heels. On down into valley of the Jordan here about 3 miles wide and green all across, very different from at Jericho. Followed a water course for miles which ran like a small stream along the hill side. A good deal of land under tillage with splendid crops. No trees, but on the other side oaks sprinkled thick up to the top. Here a minor flock of cranes, some thousands all over the hill sides, walking and flying about. In a few hills saw the river which hollows out the banks in many places and lunched at fair old bulge where the water fell in a cascade and finally very [] current. Very large fish 2-3 feet long swimming in the pool above. The peak of [Jebel Aiglisp] above us to the Southeast near [Jerash]. Farther on [ten] of another [] and farther the remains of a [] where the stream like Tweed at Innerleithen (*Scotland*)

[bowling] down

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and the hills came down to it very like the Peebles ones. The stream here seemed as it had been dammed across and something like a mill lead ran off down the western bank. Farther on saw [Abadieh] on the hill top before us and coming over the side at its side we looked down on the Sea of Galilee. We first caught the Jordan exit; it comes out with a sharp turn (sketch) and is easily [su—d] and a [] might be mistaken for the stream. The hill side probably to 1000 feet, not more and are more abrupt along the Eastern shore of the lake than in the Jordan valley. They come down with [] their faces green with large proportion of pinkish white cliffs which is beautiful in the setting sun. About 6 miles up the lake is Tiberias, the approach to which is heralded by several remains of old buildings in black stone

and an aqueduct. Also a large new mosque after which we came to baths of hot salt water. The waters smoked as they ran down into the lake. The women and men have separate baths. The men's is large and circular reservoir about 4 ft deep and 20 across in which they plunge about.

Wed 10 April 1872

This morning is a boat to Tell [Hein]. The boat with five men who pulled very slowly. They would not go on to the Jordan. Back to Beth [Jadr] and Ain el [Tin] where a fine fountain [] Ain Jalad under the cliff. Stopped at Magdala a wretched hole where all the village came out to see us. The women very free and full of fun

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The girls all tattooed. Some little children The face especially the lip and chin, the arms and bosom and no two are the same pattern. Beach of lake at some parts covered with [] shells almost all one sort and size. I didn't see above 4 different kinds altogether.

Thu 11 April 1872

From our tents Hermon is seen in great majesty this morning (Th). Could not see him yesterday, the hills being covered with cloud. At upper end the Jebel Safed is grand, especially toward the west. At the gorge of the [] Hamam is distinct above Magdala. Tiberias and Magdala seem to be the only places on the lake with any inhabitants, and Tiberias bears marks of the earthquake of 1839. [Jews] very numerous, all with hat and singlet at side of head, a loose gown and a shawl round waist. The young girls wear [tan] trousers, more than I have seen and young married women have a gold circlet round the [] [] thigh the [] [noticed] the arrangements for summer weather or the house []. A [] of reeds covered over with [] and open at top, or a few poles with reeds across above or calico or anything to keep off the sun. Many donkeys laden with water jars. In an side door on a mat a parcel of fine carving. The poppies on the hill side wonderful, a perfect blaze and on the hill side 5 miles off, the red and yellow of the poppies and chamomile quite bright. Passed the Horns of Hattin to the right. By Lubieh and by an immense upland plain of well-tilled land over a ridge facing Mount Tabor which rose thickly covered with [], right in front

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in the valley [but] 2 old Khans built in 1507 square with turrets at corners, one round the other rectangular with loopholes. Here the wood began and through a most lovely valley of dwarf oaks, not tall trees but very bushy and the trunks and branches particularly sturdy and thick. On and up to top of Tabor 1300 ft above the valley. From there a wonderful view, the most wonderful part being the fertile plain spread out below an undulating [] [] north. [] tree and has most lovely grain like a chess board with oblong squares of green and black. The tableland of Maab is clearly seen spreading flat from the top of the cliffs which overhang the lake and Jordan with a few small peaks rising above it (sketch). In view Jebel Safed, Hermon, the Sea of Galilee, Gilboa. Ridge of [Indor and Hain] facing us. Down the hill on top of which a new convent which did not []. By Saim [Zued] and across to [Sudor], a small village being on the cliff with several holes one of which a cave with water at bottom, known as Cave of the [Watch]. Passed on to [Hain] going round the back of the hill. A reasonable village.

(sketches of Widow's House and Mensa Christi at Nazareth)

From this on to the hill below Nazareth, up which a dreadful road where obliged to get off and lead our horses. Dusk by time got to the top and then [_____] before got to Nazareth.

Fri 12 Apr 1872

In the morning up to the town. Latin convent old and strong with chapel of Annunciation. Altar in part of cave from which a passage hewn in rock to another cave above Mary's kitchen with [grand_] pillars cut in 2. Then to Mensa Christi in a chapel a great (on Page Sat 13 Apr 1872)

block of limestone at 12ft long and 8 wide and 3 high rising to 4 at other end with several small cavities in the surface. Joseph's workshop a very tawdry chapel but very prettily sited on the brow of the hill [quietly] facing the East. Opposite, another slope rises from the valley and shuts out all. To the north a [little] view but to the south the hills quite shut it in. Bought some silver trinkets. The one fountain in the valley below our camping place, not old with [_____] from which 5 taps let off the water which particularly good, the best I have drunk in Palestine.

Sat 13 April 1872

Over the top of hill above Nazareth and down by a [_____] pretty valley with vines and pomegranates and over ridge down to [Simimeh] and on to [_____] a small village about 2-3 miles from foot of (Mt) Carmel, where slept. From the village a good view back over the plain in the middle of which Beit Gilboa and little [Hermon]. The [_____] hill of Jezreel [_____] seen. Through the cornfields across to the foot of Carmel [_____] here begin and stretches right away to the west. To the left low round green grassy hills quite bare of wood over looking [Infeddo and lenim]. All at once the oaks begin in a thick wood and the hills rise higher and sharper and of grander form, and thickly sprinkled with forest as far as the eyes [train] them. Pass a small Tell on left and [_____] on right at entry of [race]; after [Kinhos] a large Tell quite commanding the pass ([El Kufin]) up and up to Maharrakah (*Elijah's Grotto*) [losing] one [dray] [_____] but having a most lovely [_____] One precipitous side among hawthorn, [Tyrinja], both white with blossom, walnut, arbutus, and other shrubs among oak trees. Cliffs looked our boldly. At the Maharrakah a small low building in 2 chambers, one of which has a sort of altar around. Among the thicket of shrubs and trees quantities of (on Page Sun 14 Apr 1872)

lesser stones once shaped, now very weathered, among them an old stone sundial. From this look down on a flat with fine olive trees and below these a fountain.

From Maharrakah by long [_____] road of 4 or 5 miles down to the valley along which a good path all the way to Haifa. A little way after it touches the low ground, the double Tell of [Hardtheh] in middle of valley which dotted with [tombs] on both sides and up the beautiful hills. Then a low flat Tell (El Mansinah) with building on top shows towards the sea on the right, and then the town overhanging Haifa comes into sight on the left. A few date trees are in view, one a particularly fine one of large extent and shapely. I think the finest I have seen anywhere. Skirt the Kishon a muddy stream with [_____] any current about 20ft wide lying between reedy banks. We crossed it yesterday near [Jeeda] bottom tol. firm and the water 2ft deep. The banks very soft on both sides. It lies deep in its channel so that from the [height] you seldom catch the water though the sun [lights] up its course is distinct enough. Camped at Haifa in grove of olive trees beyond the town. The tents lashed to the trees. In the night very stormy with rain and thunder and lightening. The Dragonians tent blew down.

Sun 14 April 1872

This morning it rained heavily. We are lucky to be in our tents. At midday cleared and we went up to the convent on Mt Carmel, an [] building very ugly and unf [] in architecture but with very comfortable accommodation for travellers. A good church with Cave of Elijah. The flat ground [] Haifa and the Hill belongs to [] and is very carefully tilled. A long row of new handsome houses with gardens has lately been put up by these

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settlers, and a new hotel, very comfortable I had [secretly] opined. The olive trees very fine, one 20ft round at 3ft from ground and 30ft at [roof].

Mon 15 April 1872

This morning cantered along the sands to Acre about 10 miles, passed large flock of sheep with large fat tails, first I had seen (sketch). Walked through Acre around the ramparts. Guns all rusty and useless. Over the [plains] for 2 hours where we got in among the hills and the scenery became more wild. Passed some villages very prettily placed and after some hours into a grand [] wild and desolate place along the side of which we rode looking far down on the brook that flowed at the bottom among overhanging wood. At [end] of this descended among fine olives, the foliage of which against the various [] with glassy green of the other timber had a softness and beauty of tint I never before observed. Soon after to [] with many caves all over it, the ascent easy from road but very steep on other side. Obliged to crawl down. On to Cana, some miserable wells as if [later] []. On the hillside where we came out from the **glens** and [overland] near the valley of [Besttacuf]. Between this and [] a fine **glen**, on our side the hill quite bare, on the other thickly covered with dwarf oak from top to bottom. At Cana rain came on and dark and we lost our way and wandered about among olive groves and up and down till 9pm when we heard the barking of dogs and saw the light of our tents at [Sapphoris] (Saffuriah). Very thankful not to be out in the [] all night.

Tue 16 April 1872

At Sapphoris the remains of an old church of firm construction, the apse at the East end perfect and portion of 2 aisles. The exterior is later than at Neby [Jauwil] and the pillars like those in church at Lydda. From there to top of [summit] overlooking the village and here a fine [ruin] of a square town like a border [village] the walls of uniform thickness, loopholed (sketch) 12ft thick. Length of [building] about 45 ft and about 30 high. The stones, some of [fit] size and bevelled but this not regular. The entrance with pointed arch. A few stones much larger than the rest. After this a [stupid] ride through cornfields with bare hills on each side. Up the [Buttauf] [] Leaving Lubieh on the right passed [made] the crest of Khur Haltin (Hattin) and down to the village. The caves connected by galleries which ran along the face of the cliff. Others [contain] to the caves fortified by masonry in front.

Wed 17 April 1872

This morning down by the Wadi Hammam with the caves of the robbers. A very pretty ride. [] [] through cornfields up the ascent towards Safed, over the hill side a fine view here and there but nothing of special interest or beauty. Lunched under the high cliff at Achbara about 1 ½ hours from Safed. The cliff of yellow limestone with caves like those in

Wadi Hamman and internal communication of the same kind. It rises probably 500ft and may be $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile long. The streets of Safed horribly dirty, probably after the heavy rain, but the houses seemed clean. Have just seen a man on the house top with a small roller, rolling the surface. After rain it is always [needful] to roll the top of the house which is covered with earth and has grass growing [thickly] to make the surface more compact to keep out the wet. At Harbaya saw a roller on [] brick roof. A fine view from the top of old ruined castle, shaken to pieces by the earthquake of 1839. The little hill on which the castle stands rises from the circular valley and looks down on it all, the [northern] quarter of Safed on the northern slope, and quite apart from the [Jewish] Quarter to the south more on the face of the final hill overlooking Galilee. (sketch cross section showing Moslem town, castle and Jewish Qr) The ruin very extensive but not striking; all small stones bound together with mortar very thickly spread. At the top a deep cistern apparently with circular mouth [] [] gave in to [] [ed] communicated by a underground passage with mountain outside

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A wild road from Safed passing Meiron (Meroz) a little way off, with fine views towards Galilee. The view from the crest of Safed extensive but not striking. All northern Palestine is stretched out, a long succession of green rolling hills without any prominent peak or visible stream or any tint save green. Tabor district and far down the Jordan. Due south a conical peak rose, the most distinct thing I could see. Hermon very framed as it always is. The great plateau of [Baran] is striking, cleft by one large valley which ran down towards the southern end of the Sea of Galilee. South of the W. Semak. Road [led] along hill side very steep when obliged to lead horses. We looked down on [Jr Hudjag] or Joseph called it [Jr Yabud], a noisy stream at the bottom where a mill was busy. I had to lead the horses down. Up the hill on the other side passing site of Hazor and here we looked down on the Huleh and had first view of Lake Huleh with [] marshy ground stretching away to the north. This [flat] plain of the Huleh a wide cornfield, wonderfully rich and well tilled. The valley wide and the hills on the other side sloped up in steep green banks sprinkled with oak. Passed the village of [Lilgarm] settlers, most uncomfortable in appearance, walls and gable off loose stones but with a little mud loosely put in the roof of reeds. A hole in the wall for window. On to Meiss el Jabal, a village in 2 divisions on 2 slopes of the hill not far apart. Water supplied from an open pond made by damming across the low ground and very muddy. The remains of a church and a [] [] had done his best to preserve 2 of the arches by putting in supports of wood, and had really done it very well. In the middle of the day we stopped at [Kedes] where some [] [able] ruins. In the town itself [loose] pillars. One in a peasants house. It had been [square] with the corners cut away giving an irregular octagon shape. The capitals Corinthian and on one side of the shaft was an ornament of mathematical design of which I did not take a copy. (sketch) Near the town the remains of a square building arched on each side and farther on the front of a small temple of most substantial structure, the side post 15ft high still remaining of one piece, the [] for [ten] hinges of a door still left, each 15 inches by 6, and 2 deep and in front of this the door post [occupies] ground as if it let a door [] []. Several fairly sculptured stones, and the lintel of this door lying about. The stones very sharply cut and put together closely. No appearance of cement. On [step] at the door several holes regularly cut as if for bolts to fall in to.

Fri 19 April 1872

From Nezir to Hunin (*castle*), a red fortress of great size. The vaults of the castle [] by [winds]. From the top a grand view over the Huleh. In the walls of the fort a square Arabic tile with inscription (white) like the [stone] (blue) set over [] at Khan at Pools of Solomon. Some stones [] ed with Arabic (or Cufic). Some fine stones bevelled, and one in the wall with some figures on it. At each corner the ornament seen on the pillar at Cadesh. The fortress is on the top of the steep that overhangs the Huleh and though not a precipice, it is as steep as to be almost inaccessible. The ground runs rapidly down for 1200 or 1400 feet and we had to lead our horses down. At the foot of the hill which covered with oak scrub, [tyrija] etc

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the land falls gently down in cornfields and we soon cross a rapid **burn**, the Aven (*Ayen*), and farther on come to a gorge or valley about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile wide at top, the sides covered with large masses of basalt, the bottom full of fine shrubs and beautiful flowers; wild poppies flower, [pitcher] plant and among which the [hasberry] rushes with [fit violence]. The road beyond this all among basalt and very bad. About 2 miles on we come on Tell el Kady, (*Tell Dan*) a low oblong tell about 80ft high or less, at the side of which from under the mound springs the Jordan, oozing out as it were at a hundred points and immediately sweeping off in a [] reach of water. The [soma] forms a sort of pond (with active current however) 100-150 feet across. From over on tell where 2 fine oak trees growing down together look like one and give a fine shadow. They can be seen even from Hunin. We now begin to ascend again. The sound of water reaches us as we cross an old bridge among poplars and oaks and fig trees and are at Banias (*Hermon Springs*). A most lovely spot lying in a little circular shallow valley it looks charming. From the foot of the mountain, where a cave. This is a large cave not seen till close at hand as it sinks in to the earth down and back. No water in it as I thought; the water rushes out from the base of the cliff or rather, from the bottom of the rocky slope at base of the cliff, and a stream forms at once, or rather many streams and the rush of water is wonderful. On the cliff are [] inscription and several small niches, all of one pattern with round top and an ornament like a shell filling up the semicircular space. Up the hill to the castle, a hard

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climb on horseback for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Then when 3-400 ft from top had to climb up. The [ruins] [] a superb round tower of bevelled masonry, the individual stones being rounded and [] the curve of the wall. (sketch here) Then under an arch with portcullis. The [groove] runs upon one side some 12 feet and the groove is 8-9 inches wide by same depth. At one side a deep open hole as if for a beam to go behind the door. Near this an enormous crater cut in solid rock with much water in it of great depth, covered with green slime. A large vaulted chamber of curious shape 4 sided with 2 arched recesses in 3 sides and one large entrance opposite them. The roof supported by a pillar (sketch) each from 30 to 36 inches round. On the ground in the court 2 large stones with Arabic inscription in high relief. In another place a smaller stone with inscription cut in. At the east end the building more perfect, indeed very perfect, though in climbing to it passed a great mass of wall thrown down bodily as if by earthquake or gunpowder. The square structure here reminded [me] of [tower] of David at Jerusalem and is equally massive. The walls rise from a sloping foundation and at the top are precipitous for defence ([Dripon]) as at Damascus Gate at Jerusalem [] []. Too late to see much and sun down. (sketch). Climbed down and had to lead the horses down. Not home till 8pm. View from the top wide but not very striking except

on the wall [right] over half the valley which lies 1000 feet below, a wonderful chasm though of grassy rock not actual precipice, but quite inaccessible.

(Sprott made the following note on the 12 Jan page). The ruins of Banias quite cover the top of the [] on [which] they are built. They are I should think at least 1000 feet long and probably 300 wide

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This morning round the base of [Hermon] having 2 peaks of Anti. Lib. in view, the [] of the [] visible far off. The road lying along the open hill side sprinkled with oaks all [foliated], then the country became more hilly and we wound up a long and terribly steep hill to Rashaya al Fukar, up the worst road I think I have seen in Palestine. This is a great place for pottery and very [] jars are made all about the village holes where clay had been dug. They were not working just now. The people looked particularly neat and clean and not ragged - altogether better off than I had seen anywhere - the girls all with white veils over their heads. The village on high crest and got [] to Hebbayah [] along a very steep hill side leading horses. Down into a valley very wild, turning to right along the top of like old quarry of great size all overgrown with green, and a grand cliff rising on the farther side. A little farther and the dark grey ruin of Hibbayeh (*Habbariyeh*) broke on us. It and the village lie at the base of Hermon at side of [] of one of the great gorges walled with stone which come down from the higher mass. The [] really looks as if built up of roughly hewn stone, so [equant] are the strata of this [] and so evenly broken on the surface. It must rise at least 900 feet and goes up to a sharp top like a knife, black without a blade of green. From the village you look down to the bottom of the glen where fig trees and

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olives are planted and a [] is at work. The temple lies among olive trees and is of great beauty. I never saw anything more completely and splendidly built. It is less than 60 feet long but 12 stones take all the length. Nine courses for 71 form the wall, being each 3-4 ft in thickness. One stone 15 ft long. Another 10ft by 4 x 4. The temple has been divided into five portions - the portions about 1/5 of the whole length. The [] is [best] and fine and the general proportion admirable. From this down to the Hasbani (*river*) and up the other side, a frightful road, passing [fine mulberry] plantations. The trees all foliated about 8 ft high, the [] in splendid verdure. On the top of the hill and on the other side we descend into Hasbaya (*Hasbaiyya*), a most lovely town, the houses 2/3 in ruins only the wall left and not always there. The houses have a particularly substantial look, being all of stone, well built, roofs all flat and a [] (sketch here) and few of the windows glazed. But [though] the [] and grand old place not less than 500 ft long and 150 wide with large court of picturesque look. The remains old ornamental beauty. Then [to] Khiam even [] and massacred over 1000 in 1860.

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Went about the place and Cath [] and stayed in the [Hareem] and had [aid] Sherbert. Visited Sitt Naaify said to have been conceived on the [], a woman of 60, shabbily dressed and kept her muslim veil half over her face, and her Sherbert and orange flower

water. Her son in law in shabby black coat (half cloak) with fur [__]. The [__ __ __] and to be the descendants of Saladin, son of Saad el d'in family [Schehab]

Mon 22 April 1872

This morning **one party except Cath and self** started at 7 for Hermon. We two kept down the valley and under Hermon, passing up the low ground at foot of the eastern lower range of Lebanon. From top of hill of Hasbaya, this range has [su __] look, so regular in its course and height. A long unbroken ridge of green hill, its slopes only slightly furrowed by water courses. Then a long line of pretty level ground, well-tilled and then it breaks down in rude clefts and masses down to the Hasbani. (sketch)

For three hours passed along stony valleys of no interest and then out on an open plain with Tell el Zeitum (*Zeitoun*) in the middle. Then began to ascend again having Hermon on the right; on the left the ridge of Lebanon, dark and steep overhanging the Litani (not visible) and its crest sprinkled with snow all along. A short space of low ground and then Jebel el [Canissy] with its broad summit all white beyond the Jebel [Sumin], white likewise. The country here very stony, indeed like Judea, and the hill [__] [__] in as we crossed the ridge of Rashaya quite [__ __] white. Not a blade of grass on its sides. The slopes of Rashaya most carefully tilled and planted with vines and which, like at Hebron, lying along the ground or supported by cleft stick. Mulberry trees too abound, all in all a [__]. The earth here very red, at some places mulberry red and the valley by Rashaya very carefully ploughed and sown, but the soil very inferior to that farther south and all the crops [today] there and poor in comparison.

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The houses of Rashaya like those of Hasbaya but not as well built and altogether a poorer looking place. A village El Akaby (*Aaqbeh*) an hour before getting here had a very poor look. The people all Druses. Ploughing going on in many places, also with 2 small oxen. At Hasbaya where girls offer finely stitched caps of white calico for wearing inside the fez. Bought one for 2/-. Girls all wear loose trousers, a tight gown over that coming down to ankles and then a white muslin square thrown over head and down back.

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This morning [__] all day through stony glens among the hills which covered to the top with loose grey stones among which sharp grey rocks point up without a blade of anything green. Wherever a few square yards of [low] ground allow a small amount of soil, it is carefully ploughed and sown. We rode up one wadi above a [__] long with a ribbon of earth not above [16] feet wide at the bottom, all tilled with the new blades springing up. It looked like a crop in a newly macadamized road. At [Rakhesh] 3 hours from Rashaya, came on the ruins of an old building at side of road called [Alafel Rakesh], a rectangular enclosure of unhewn stones some very large laid on each other in [Cyclopean] fashion, many 5 ft long. The building lay here east and west, the west end looking up to the peak of Hermon. Divided into [4] compartments. The Eastern one some broken pillars very weatherworn with bases and capitals all very plain. A long stone of 12 feet long or more shaped out.

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From this through a wonderful waste of Ruins – semi like rock and rock like ruin [__] on minor space, at one part shaped like amphitheatre, bits of wall sticking out here and there. Up hill to left and came on ruin of temple all heaped together, shafts capitals bases walls all

thrown in a heap. I never saw such confusion – surely the result of an earthquake. Here a fine oak tree 20 feet round at 3 ft above ground and some fine walnut trees in young leaf. The oak just beginning to leaf. Close by a [projecting] piece of rock had on its upper surface 2 cavities like those of [] side by side, one square at both ends, one round at one end about 4ft and up – the top often smaller. One lay at foot of [] broken in 2. The [] of the other as I thought lay close by, cut out like an arch which the other fitted in. A [] lay near which I thought [first] an altar, was not sure if the [corners] had born some head or not. Through village for $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile and came on another temple much more perfect Something like that of [Hebbayeh], of very fine stones and with part of a shaft that 12 ft long and 3 thick lay flat. The capital [] Ionic. On the outside a large circular relief of a head surrounded by an ornamental [wreathing] such as I never saw before. The far end of the temple has an apse. On [] coming bare hills for 2 hours to Deir el Ashaya (*Aachayer*) where some noble remains [] temple stands by a firm platform of [great] stones, 1 15ft while those of the temple wall vary from 5ft to 10 feet and all about 3 ft thick. The corners of the temple walls of [very] with Ionic with the [] below ten [] and [] the capitals of some corners outer [ground] [] ft [] and 3 ft thick. The platform is massive and of splendid (*on next page*) outline.

Wed 24 April 1872

At [Dimass] for the night. A miserable place and very cold. Came on to Damascus in about [3] hours. Rested at an old square arched building on the top of a hill about 2 miles from Damascus, but before this came down the valley of the Barada, a most lovely glen through which the river rushes with great swiftness, **like a Scotch stream after rain**. Poplars and walnuts grow in great abandon and many mills are on the road and many streams led off to irrigate the low grounds which are like a garden. The hills themselves bleak and barren. Some quite white and bare stone. From the top of the hill a wonderful view, the hills come right down to the plain absolutely barren rock and sand and at the bottom a [] wall. This part of the wall all along the Barada in blocks about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft square (1 metre) and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft thick, the wall 2 blocks high, like [p] work, each block being [evened] [] in shape. Inside the wall the trees thick [] a [] garden and this spread for miles except where the houses of the city rose from [] it; a magnificent stretch of verdant green' even than Egypt. Through the wall and then [] 2 walls from about 12-15 ft apart, often with a stream along side till you get by the Barada again and in a little way to the Hotel.

Thu 25 April 1872

Today through the bazaars and much discussed the [] of goods, small and [nothing] rich in silk or shawls or silver work. The bazaar all well roofed, the light coming in a side aperture at the top. Tasted several sweets all flavoured with rose, excellent, then orange confection which very good. Saw meat roasting on upright spit before a grate of 4 small plates with hot charcoal. The man cut off small portions holding the meat with broad forceps and put it on a plate for customers. All sorts of cakes and sweets and iced lemonade, yet all not so [Eastern] as Cairo. [Struck] by the splendid [lapis]. Never saw such anywhere else [] about 1.5 hands high. Changed £100 of English notes securing 125 napoleons less 25 francs being [1] pc. But then the pound is worth 25francs and 30centimes so the [cap] was really over 2pc. Paid Joseph £4 8/ part of the 54.8/ which I owe and asked Capt [J] to pay [Forun] the £50 at

Beyrouth (*Beirut*). Paid £5 to the servants, 1 to Abraham, 1 to ten [] and 1 to the cook etc. [] 6fr to [C]. Bought at bazaar pair of [anklets] 30fr, small ditto 8fr, necklace 10fr, knife 20fr, paper 2fr, ink stand 10fr saucer 4fr, [soup kent froutle] 22fr and Dragoons 5/-, sundries 1/-, Mrs [Shortens] charity etc 4fr. The whole sum paid to Joseph at 2.16/ per day for 38 days being £106 8/-.

Fri 26 April 1872

Sent letter to Reverend G A Carey Nablous in answer to his about the stolen things.

Agreed to sell Joseph the saddles and bridles for £5 10/. Paid Capt S. £1 contribution to Joseph's return from Cairo to Jaffa.

Bought at bazaar hook 33fr, Kohl bottle 8 1/2 fr, amulet case 4fr, ring 6fr brandy 5fr, photos 5 @ 27 = 12 1/2 fr [pattern 8 1/2 fr, washing 8fr

Hotel bill with bakshish £2 10/-. [] to [] 2 [] with 8 [tea] for luggage 12/6. [] asted] at 6 []. Joseph and Ibrahim etc seeing us off.

In Damascus [] little in bazaar. Some silk drapes like [Brermondes] as high as £40 which I thought very dear. The only things I coveted were suits of Circassian armour splendidly engraved and inlaid with gold. The [wee] helmut shield (circular with spike) breast plate, back plate, arm guards, swords, battle axes etc of great beauty. In Damascus the perfume of sweetmeats offered for sale and cakes and pastry was wonderful. Also [] d sherbet etc. At H had a large tumbler of iced [] flavoured with sageflower from []. The Islam smiths [] very curious, all the people working together under one roof, each person in a little space 6ft square or so, with [] anvil and charcoal [pan []] etc. The silver things cheap [] [] bought a handsome necklace for 10fr. [] horse] charge 2/- a day. At half 6 and left in a diligence with three horses. The day diligence is bigger and had 6. We went up the gorge of the Barada the road running at the side of the stream [to west]

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with the [snow] on both sides fringed with poplars and walnuts and mulberries and the mountains on both sides rising bare and steep to the sky along a most lovely []. After 2 hours or so the scenery became tamer and the valley opened out, but soon again became [returning] wild and [grained]. The road for many miles skirting the bank of a small mountain stream with rocks and precipices on both sides. Some of the peaks white with snow. Then the country became flatter and about [Trf.] [] at [Stova], scarcely a village, but the first house and stables. The house very full and can lay down on beds in the bar and slept well.

Sat 27 Apr 1872

At 6 left again and had breakfast and the horses ready for [Bealbah]. The way lay by Malakah, a pretty village with a Jesuit convent. The village burnt by the Druses in 1860, the ground all covered with vines and [blueberry]. The vines grown as at Hebron, allowed to lie along the ground. All they [] leaves and then propped up at the free end. Got to Beirut in 5 1/2 hours. The road all the way lying in the (*Beqaa*) valley between Liban (*range*) and Antiliban (*range*). The valley from 3-5 miles wide quite level and the hills on both sides come sharp down to the plain, both look steep and bare but the Liban is of a grander character altogether and snow covered its crest all along nearly while Antilibans showed snow only on Hermon. Towards Beirut the land became very stony with thin poor

crops and Beirut lying under [Ceala Z] looked poor. In the distance the T of the [] rising above a low rising

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ground that ran out from AntiLibans. Its highest peak of Jebel Libian [were] first opposite. [] on the cedars beyond the ridge and so pretty to Beirut itself. The view of the [twin] mountain range was very grand. Everything looked green from the abundance of water springing in a copious fresh from the ground close by. Near the town came to 6 granite shafts connected at the top by large stones, the whole thing an Arab structure, and soon after we passed the quarries on the right, the [] containing the great stone as sharp as if cut yesterday. Got to our lodgings, a good sized room with [divan] hung across upper and in the [] wall a large recess with curtain, full of beds and [cov].

28 April 1872 (?)

Had good dinner and went out to see the ruins. [] by the Circular Temple (*of Venus*), most lovely. I can imagine nothing more beautiful, but it is so encompassed by foliage that it is impossible to get good [photograph]. Then to Temple of Jupiter and then to that of the Sun [] I was greatly [] and delighted. Perhaps nothing [] [] if so [much]. The whole [proportion] of the remains are so full of grace yet so grand. The scale of everything so immense that I was charmed there. The south side of the building a pile of [] surrounded by a moat from which issues a huge wall, much of which of Arab construction and of large finely bevelled stone. This wall was round (sketch). At the east end is a square tower ([basalt]) towards the west the 3 great stones lie about 20ft above the moat which is planted with mulberry trees. They lie on []

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course of [loose] stones about 30ft long, each [which] are very dark, nearly black, which the 3 [first] stones are white or yellowish, and then [open] [out] on 3 courses of stones much smaller but still large, only 2 of which courses are for the most part above ground and visible. This second [] layer runs round the [] and [] on the west side for about 30 , then is here sitting above it, but inside a moat about 30ft wide, and then rises the west wall of large stones about 80ft high or more. The stones at first very smooth and finely bevelled but afterwards irregular with some [property] as much as 2ft beyond the [] of the wall and scarcely any showing the [bevel] (this evidently Arab work) These [] [stone] so close that I could not insert the blade of a pen knife [] and indeed could not tell if one stone or two except by the [] in behind. Here the three lower courses are distinct [attaining] 15ft [] [] the 3 very big] [] 20. They are _____ ft high and _____ ft thick and the courses of small stones are from 2-6 feet long and 3ft high. The entrance with the [] cut in one of the stones. Those below the great stone are 13 ½ ft thick by 4 high and [6 long] The big stone probably 30ft long by 10 ½ ft high. In the inner wall which I have said is very smooth and of bevelled stones [] a long way. 12 stones (bevelled) [] 58 yds and one in

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particular was 25ft. In the farther part of the wall, portions of shafts etc built in. The wall of the cella of the temple of Jupiter of splendid work, averaging 10ft x 4 ½ and about 4ft thick. The columns here in [3] pieces including base shaft and capital, the [] but the capital and the cella roofed by great stones 16 x 15 x 4 (?) most wonderfully carved.

The ground about the temple strewn thick with fragments of pillars and capitals and []

[__]. the columns apparently shake to pieces, the central portions being quite perfect about 6 ½ ft in diameter, the surfaces at ends smooth with their [rather] square [__] - __ perhaps __ing] [__ __ __] but of this not seen as no 2 were alike (sketch). One stone in the wall of the cella 30 x 5. The pillars of the portico fluted and the front pillar of one stone. The entrance about 50ft back from the [__] of the portico and most magnificent. All this mixed up with Arab work, to which belong the subterranean arched passages (/) about 200ft long all of great stones. The arch about 20ft high at first but starting upward [__ __ __] a poor 10ft at the end. The stones of [__] size 12 x 6 x 6 being common. Near one end in the [cellar] [__] the roofing a bust of a woman and towards other end the remains of a winged figure carved out of a single stone. The quarry pleased us scarcely less than the ruins. They seem to have worked very [cleverly]

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In the Temple of the Sun the base of the columns a block of 22ft square by 7 ½ high, the shaft of the column of three pieces and then the capital. Shaft [__] much [lip] then 8ft in diameter. The [__ __ __] so mixed up with Arab work that it's hard to distinguish. The [__ __ __] all in ruins but many fine granite pieces with capitals of marble (put on) still upright and pieces of red porphyry columns lying about. Scarcely any rubbish lying about. The [__] of the [__] the most part cut clean down from the top to the bottom. At one place the surfaces (inclined) had been roughly smoothed and the stone was divided to about 3ft deep by grooves 1 ½ ft wide crossing at right angles [and] leaving 22 first [__] of stone attached to the rock by their base of differing size and shape. Close to the first stone rises a mass of rock about 30ft high and 19 x 13 ½ ft wide has been divided [__] into 2 by a groove 1 ½ ft wide. Up the hill side, another has been rudely squared. The [grand] slopes down from the mountain to the quarry and indeed form all directions so that the flat stone lies at the bottom with clear ground round it on all sides. One [used f __] the hill side from which it is separated by perhaps [__] feet. to the north and south the

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the ground is clear for a good space, but [anyway] the stone [__] have been got up hill before it reached level ground. The stone lies east and west, the west end sunk in the ground lay to [operate], the east out of the ground and the rock under cut to a depth of 2 ft or so and leaving a gap of 4 ½ to 5ft [__ __ __ __] of this and of the stone and the ground (sketch)

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In the morning over quarry and ruins again and at 10 back [__] [__]. Slept well on the Divan. On our way had thunder storm with rain and hail. The [__ __ __] two ranges of hills very grand. Went around by Zahlieh (*Jahlieh*), a beautiful road lying in a grand gorge of the Lebanon. A town of 10,000 people, the houses all flat topped and square. The day being Thursday all the people in their best cotton. An [__] Khan town. The river the [Bardrimy] runs with rapid current down the **glen** among beautiful poplar groves, the mulberry abundant. The people very good looking and apparently well to do. Through the town by dreadful road very steep and paved with large smooth round stones over which the horses could scarcely get. Back to [__] and lay down for the [night] track. [Pd] bill from [Napoleon] [far] to Beirut 30fr. Got places and had moonlight [__] the Lebanon, very cold

and beautiful. It was one long pull from stones to the top of the hill and then over long descent to Beirut which we saw from 10-12 miles away. The hill sides wonderfully (on Page Fri 3 May 1872)

terraced. Terraces [not sown] then 12ft wide and planted with olives and mulberry, figs too in plenty, and the vale [_____] with fine groves of [_____] pine; most beautiful. Got to the hotel [Bapauls] at 8pm.

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Next day to Nahr el Kalb on horseback, a very pretty ride to a lovely spot about 8 miles from Beirut. Horses hard and troublesome. The sculpture at the pass most curious. The rocks [_____] with small shells of different kinds. The river crossed by old bridge and the gorge very picturesque. Bought some cups of silver filigree and a few copper antiques. Saw the Consul in [Eldridge __] and wrote Cutler about stolen things at Nablus requesting him to keep the thing under the eyes of the Turkish Government. Gave Mr [Bapriel] the saddles for Joseph. Took places [Ru__ steamer] which was delayed a day at Jaffa and arrived full of pilgrims (____ hand 500). Places to Constantinople 217fr each. **Bought photos.**

At Baalbek, the side post of door of Circular Temple 18ft high by 6ft square.

Paid for places in steamer to Constantinople 217fr each. Went on board at 8pm. Found only one lady on cabin. The gents cabin full, slept on sofa. [Sailed] at 12pm.

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Next morning off Tripoli, a most lovely [Sat]. The hills behind the town very picturesque. About a mile back the remains of a large fortress built by Raymond of Toulouse. On the shore the

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ruins of 2 large towers [built on 1 hill] but nothing except the usual small Turkish town with dirty bazaar. Along shore very beautiful, to the [north] the [Temas] range [marching __] to the west in an almost unbroken line of snowy crest, the snow making it far down the sides. Left at [_____] 2pm and later in the day anchored at Latakia, passing Tartus and the Castle of Marqab.

Fri 3 May 1872

In the morning at Alexandretta (*now Iskenderun*). Here the hills come down in grand rocky shapes close to the sea having but a small marshy flat with the town [_____]. Went on shore; very dirty and poor looking but we remained all day taking in cargo, chiefly hides from Aleppo. Asked [coxswain] to get us to Antioch but could not. It's 11 hours out. A month ago a shock of earthquake [_____] down the town with loss of life to above 2000 habitants. 3 weeks after a second shock completed the destruction.

Sat 4 May 1872

Along the coast all night and then morning reached Mersin, a bustling [_____] place with very clean streets [faced] a good Bay, and [the] building of new houses etc. Some fine ruins said to exist at Pompeiopolis, 2hrs from there. As boat was to sail at 2pm was afraid to go, and now as I write it is 4pm. The coast is charming, the land slopes upwards, flat for perhaps a couple

of miles, then low hills, then higher with splendid rifts and their precipitous sides. Behind all the white crest of Tarsus, a very [framed] and picturesque background.

Bought knife 3fr. Paid for going on shore at Tripoli. [] and []. Tasted wine at Tripoli. Paid wine bottle 2d and [white] the latter vin di [Lipio di Commandria]
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All along the coast the mountain range very fine towering here and there into the snow and the crest beautifully broken with magnificent light and shade.

Sun 5 May 1872

Out of sight of land most of the day, the gulf of [Joalia] (*Antalya?*) lying to our right. The water of resplendent blue, no fish and few ships. All on board very clean and the party very quiet. At night sang very sweetly some hymns. Fare on board excellent. In the morning tea and coffee with milk, lemon, [] bread and butter and biscuit. This at 7. At 11 [] of sausage, pickled salmon, cucumber, chillies, caviar, [], [], cheese fruit and coffee. At dinner at 5, white soup, 5 courses meat and poultry. One dish and ham in slices with [] and roast []. Salad cheese sweet (also good) fruit and coffee. Had at Tripoli bananas. The country [previous] oranges [] and very large coarse oranges 1500 cases going up to Corfu. They loaded the deck and ten [] are dispossessed to each [won] them is obliged to [live] on the top of the cases on [anyhow] The wine at table is a [] and very good. It is from the Crimea and of 2 varieties, red and white both very good. The spirits 2 red and white. The one is [dis] sort of brandy. The other too being more like Geneva than any other.

Mon 6 May 1872

This morning off Rhodes which lay north and south stretching a long way before us. At a distance looked very bare but as you get closer the hills become green, though faintly so, but in the valleys the fig and olives thick with the way in which the groves and orchards are mingled with rock and slopes are very pretty and picturesque. The town very pretty and bustly and has a very oldworld air about it. Enter the harbour [] 2 round towers from one of which a wall stretches round to the shore including the water. From the other a like wall has gone but is now [destroyed], only the line of it distinct below the surface. These towers of small stones but substantial and weatherbeaten. The stones [cl] ed with iron. Windmills plenty, each with from 15-16 sails of canvas, so that the sails are also close together. Along the quay cafes and much bustle in a small way etc. Up the street of the Knights well-paved with small stones, indeed the whole town well paved with pebbles with sharp side up and these kept in place by slabs of stone along and across every 4 or 6 ft. A foot path everywhere. Even the street [] above 6ft wide. The Street of the Knights about 15ft wide with 3ft for footpath on both sides. High in the walls are coats of arms cut in with marble and let in to the house front. Some very ornamental. Over the house of the grand master 8 or 9 shields. Close to the harbour is the Hospital of the Order, a large court with 2 storeys on high arches all round. The hall (now a barrack) [] d by [] of crushed pillars. In the court and in the town lie about hundreds of stone cannon balls, about 15-18 inches in diameter but no cannon visible that could throw

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them. Plenty too iron cannon balls and at the fort some old bronze guns of very ornamental character and probably 12-15ft long. The Knight's shields mostly had the fleur-de-lis and

some were dated 1492-1495. Saw some small photos all bad but had framed new from the house of the Photographer. The streets [I may say] 5 [] circles of half circles like flying butterflies. In some they recurred say 20yds and at out corner they ran right round. Went to a garden full (sketch) of geranium and poppies of different colours, a fine [] before the house. In one of the streets just at centre of an arch was a marble slab with and hourglass carved on it and Pali Thari carved it. (see sketch on page Feb 1873)

From Rhodes round the northern end under lovely mountains leaving Cymi (*Simi*) a grand rugged isle on the right with a house of [] visible. A [tell] on another island in front (*Seskli*). The [] of the Eng Sun charming as we passed the promontory of Cnidos (*Knidos*) which very grand stretching out into the sea by grand precipices from the back of which the ground sloped down to a bit of flat land on which Joaquim Cnidos stood and from which it [] []. Towards the [] chain] at the back. Passed Cos (*Kos*) on the left. All these islands look bare at a little distance with most not so when quite close.

Tue 7 May 1872

This morning (Tuesday) (7th) up early to see [Icamos] behind us with [Arkani] facing (on Page Wed 8 May 1872)

it and from our point of view looking nearly as large. Samos a great mountain mass. Between these and far behind was Patmos, the monastery looking white against the morning sun high up the hill. Between Patmos and Samos another isle with 2 peaks. Presently Scio (*Chios*) rose before us awfully bare looking and less picturesque in outline than those we had passed.

Nearing the town however we see the houses stretching away among groves and orchards for miles along the shore, most lovely. Behind rise the hills with a pale green tint over the lower slopes, say ½ way up. Above this the rocks rise rugged and precipitous without a blade on them, though in some places even the high cliffs are clothed with dark wood, probably of natural growth. Went on shore and found Scio a very bustling place, [] and good and well paved; all very clean. Many new houses going up and much business doing. No end of cafes with people smoking. Saw few women and nothing particular in the dress. Up along the coast of the mainland leaving the last 5-6 miles of Scio frightfully bare and naked. The mainland low and [] till we round the point of the Gulf of Smyrna with highland before us, and then the point very fine with lofty peaks and grand looking slopes. Got to Smyrna (*Izmir*) about 7, the sunset being splendid. The sunset effect on the town and the mountains behind the most magical scene and air. The purple of the hills, the deep green of the Cypress groves and the brilliant green, blue, pink, white of the houses, and the red tiled roofs with the trees peering out from among them in numberless points

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excelled everything I ever saw.

Thu 9 May 1872

Yesterday and this morning through the bazaar. Cath very poorly. The town very clean and well-paved. Houses 2 storeys almost all have a little court. One street paved with broad stones about 13 ft wide and foot path (sketch) The bazaar very good. Bought some things, cups etc. [Walked] up to top of hill above the town where the ruins of an old Venetian castle. Walls thick with many towers, round and square but nothing memorable in the structures. The view magnificent of Bay and the plain behind this fertile with a small stream running through, its water brown flanked by a few rocks, and the railway to Ephesus and [] about

2 miles up by a grand old aqueduct of 2 tiers of arches. At noon, lunched in a native cooking house and had kabobs, roast meat with the thin bread of the country [fried] with it at least soaked with the gravy, very tasty. Had salad and a bottle of wine (white), very good. Paid for it six francs – not cheap. Knife at [] 3fr, boats on different occasions 6fr, photo and necklace etc [8 1/2] fr. 2 silver cups at Smyrna and amulet 20fr, scent bottle and plaque 20fr, photos 25fr, coins 11fr, boat at Smyrna 3fr, lunch, donkeys food etc 7fr, [medium] 1fr. The cotton brought in here in immense bales, 2 bales a camel load, one each side. Saw too some immense oil jars today about 4 1/2 ft long (sketch) and 3 in diameter, quite being for the 40 thieves, of red earthenware and cost 40fr. The cotton of good quality, the value about 8fr a pound. The figs

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which form a staple [] come for [Cudin], not from the neighbourhood. The porters here are all about and carry immense weights on their backs. They have a sort of frame (sketch) which hooks over the shoulders and on this the box or log or stone or whatever it is, is placed.

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Steward on ship 20fr, gloves etc 5/4, Boat shawl 60/-, cups 12/-, [] 8/- []

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Wed 22 May 1872

A very pleasant day, much [f] than the last 2. In the morning to Cab. of Minerals, a magnificent collection in 5 or 6 halls stood to the ceiling, the light not very good, largely windows on one side and many objects too high, but the arrangement and beauty of specimens charming. Some enormous crystals of rock crystal, one I would say a foot in diameter. Many fine samples of precious stones; a fire opal as large as my fist, with great variety of opals; a grand emerald in the rough, and a bouquet of flowers [say] be made by ten all in precious stones about the flowers and usually [most] loose, a gift from Frederick the Great to Maria Theresa. Some fine []'. Thence to [C T Horrocks] pictures. Some very fine, the best, or to me the best, a Fra. Bartol, a Holbein [Spitz] a small [Chandler] very charming. Also a fine Velasquez, a [HF] by Rafael [garbo]' but to me above all a HF by Alonzo Sanchez, most lovely, one of the 5 or 6 finest pictures in Vienna. Another by [Vincutus] Juarez a portrait of Spanish princess very fine. Few Corregios all poor except a small one. The [Ru] and Rembrandt about equal to those in Lichtenstein and [Biberdi]. To [game] market. No [] but [] full of stags heads. St Stephens. I never tire of admiring it.

To City Arsenal; a fine collection of arms, all in magnificent order, not a speck of rust anywhere. Many interesting []. The most interesting thing the head and lower jaw of [] with the crimson cord round his neck size of picture cord and like it. A [Bilaw] hangs his [shirt] white and gold thread running through and all the back in little squares with an Arabic letter in each. On the front several figures like cabalistic [design]. After dinner to Schönbrunn (Zoo) just outside the town. Good in [] [] for 3s, or 15Kr. The park and gardens beautiful with fine zoological collection, all with abundant space. [] in fine order. The avenues in French style but [charming] the trees (elms) being 2ft diameter but pruned flat to the top in a [] of 10ft high. Other avenues of these trees forming splendid arches. Large conservatory and [] houses and all in splendid order.

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[B _____], a wonderful collection and all in splendid order. Skeletons as well as stuffed specimens. The insects wonderful and the butterflies especially, and the collection of [birds] [_____] ones from Australia. At Schönbrunn [_____ the birds yellow over] [_____] with yellow patch on breast. The [_____] white all over. All round [_____] and Vienna the horse chestnut out in full bloom, red and white, most lovely, the yellow laburnum too and white ditto in great quantity.

Thu 23 May 1872.

From Vienna at 9am and reached Munich at 10pm, a most wonderful journey. Such a succession of [delicious] landscapes I never saw nor indeed could imagine – a perfect garden of Eden. So green and so varied in hill and dale, such [clothing] with forest, such beautiful streams. Passed [Lich____] castle of Neulengbach, very charming. The [N____] a most lovely spot and all along the Danube little villages so neat and clean all fresh as [quaint] as [_____] could wish them, with the church and its spire everywhere. At Salzburg a [_____] prospect. The alps in full glory behind. After Rosenheim, the country [lower] but still quietly beautiful. The [Attasee] very pretty and the small cabins a sight. The Chiemsee skirted for some miles. At Salzburg all changed since I saw it. A great [_____] with carriages, private and for hire, dashing about with lots of gaily dressed fashionably [for] to the Blanc [Traube].

Fri 24 May 1872

A very busy day. To the Glyptothek and renewed my memories of the [Equia] marbles. The finest thing is the [Mosid], head less but so pathetic. The [Pismek] wonderful! Ran through, the old German [Jeb.] astonishing. Hemling and a Durer astonishing, Murillo more lovely than I remembered him. 5 splendid [_____] of [_____] life]. But portrait Rembrandt beats everything. All in all no-one comes up to him. Has the [Zhan ____ Vandyck and ____] a fair behind. A grand Velasquez however and from [Del Piombo] [Ro____ V on ____ and ____] grand, and an [Orcade] more brilliant than I ever saw him. Saw many [_____] mans] not [finer] than [_____] late _____. [Saulilovich ____ Eq Br] artists very good (for sale). Saw collection of small antiques, bronzes, slipware etc with very fine models of Colosseum, temple of Vester etc. The glass work very fine, exactly like our [recent] [______]. Different coloured glass [__ed] together and then cut into cups etc. Our most [_____] cup of this transparent glass a double cup, the [_____] a beautiful artwork outside the others (sketch). A magnificent collection of gold ornaments [Stimson], among this a garland of [oakleaves] with acorns and flowers all of beaten gold, besides earrings, necklaces, [fibulae] with that exquisite [enamelled] encrustation of fine lines and points that no-one has been able to imitate. After [dinner] to the Bavaria [Ruhrmarshalle] very good. Went up the road and looked out the [modelling] of the whole fig. [_____] the lion grand, 50ft high. [Strauthalus] Museum and then new burying ground, a [framed] square with arcade all around and the wall divided into spaces for family vaults, each space covered with [_____] in fresco (?) or some marble monument. The

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open space full of graves prettily kept and all with flowers in beautiful [rows] under the shadow [_____] of the grave stone a few had wire vase there, but most quite open. Pansies and a full variety of lovely plants.

Sat 25 May 1872 and Sun 26 May 1872

Sunday Today and yesterday a deal to see the Churches. Very fine. The Ludwigskirche and the [Alluhily] magnificent especially the latter which work in excellent taste and the decoration very fine in fresco over the roof. The Franskirche a grand old church, very ugly but very airy and light within, the windows 70ft high and it contains a [Mon] (another church donated this) by [Thorwald] and to the Duke of [Leuctenburg], but after [C____] at Vienna it does not strike. The New Pinaktothek a [____d] collection by modern artists. The outside in fresco only a few years old but already faded and [industrial]. Most [____] [____] of sketches in oil by [Kaulbach] and his subjects. Outside very beautiful and full of [____ - ____]. The [sand] subjects very [____ed] [____] by __ and ____] the latter has some [____ ____]. The 16 [century] seems revived. [Vonbeck] too has some fine things and a grand [deposition] of Our Lady in the [Tomb] by ---- is a gem. Among landscapes Zimmerman is superb. I know nothing finer in our English artists of indeed so fine, so solid, so [careful and true. He is worthy of [____ - ____] and is a wonderful painter of buildings and landscapes together. The porcelain collection is very fresh. copies of great pictures on porcelain – Raphael and the old Cologne masters are charmingly reproduced. Nothing struck me more than the [____] Museum a grand building with a collection of saints [____] incredible the [classics] of all sorts, the [Ivories], the enamels the tapestries with [A____], and [____ ____] is most astounding. Chessboards and backgammon [____] of the most wonderful [____ in ____], the board painted each square with a Turkish figure in enamel. The [____] of fine porcelain. Others of ivory [____ed and ____ed].

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The board all ivory, very massive. Other draught [men], a portrait of some [____ ____] in each as in a frame most [____] yet [____. ____]. [Iron] painted on ivory. Some in hard wood. I even saw [tusk] covered carving, the dice oof grotesque figures. All sorts of [enamelled] ornaments. A clock in a wooden frame in front of which sides a [____ ____] a [____] life size. The [horses] head is hollow and on it is a plate of iron on which the figure [____] with a [thigh bone] [the horns] and when he beats the lion [away]. Some china brought here in 1580, blue and white chiefly, but a wonderful [____] in which [dead] to [____] with a dragon whose head in the spout and the body the handle. The body appears here and there as coming through the sides of the [____] which I think is meant to represent the sea. The [Tovig] carvings are splendid so true and full of life. No catalogue [____ ____] [____ ____]. Cabinets with end of ivory with [____] wood. Enamel. One all ivory and lapis lazuli. In the carvings in wood, a whole 1/2 length figurine not bigger than a sixpence, yet the [fr ____] say the [ear ____] exquisitely delicate, quite microscopic. Among the [____] one 9ft long especially wonderful [weight]. A [____] dial of splendid [____], the finest being of the Archbishop of Salzburg. Coats of mail of 16th century; rings [____] over with thong thread and thus sewn together (sketch).

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Thu 18 July 1872

At Shaftesbury. Drove over to Child Okeford (*Dorset*) to see Mrs Young. Little changed. All here is dearer than formerly. [Chri ____] 4/6 a pair, butter 1/4, lamb 1/- mutton 10d a lb.

Fr 19 July 1872

Shaftesbury. Eliz [Meyer] very ill this morning. Left Kate and came up to London by 12 train. Went to telegraph and found that the line was broken East Timor to Port Darwin so could not send message.

Tue 23 July 1872

Wrote to Lady Glyn (*Frances G Fitzgerald, Wildy's sister*) including Fanny's last letter.

Wrote to Captain Skottowe asking when to pay in the money

Wrote to William (*Boyd*) at Thun, Switzerland.

Sat July 27 1872

Received letter from Lady Glyn

Wrote to Major Trevor Clarke, Wilton Place [____] about [Cubic v fine] cotton x with [____] Island

also Cotton [Choc] will be liberty to
send to Archy are [____]

Sun July 28 1872

(*The following entry has been crossed out*)

At Bath and Mrs Bennison. I came down here on Thursday Kate having preceded by some days.

Thu 1 August 1872

Wrote to Archy, Mitch, Fan and Wiley

Sun 4 August 1872

At Marnhull with William (*Cutler*) and his family. Yesterday dined with Mr Kennard the rector to whose boy I gave chloroform in the morning.

Sun 11 August 1872

At [Stamford] and the Henleys a very pleasant day – all the family so nice. We go tomorrow to Brighton when the British Association opens on Monday next. (*42nd meeting of the British Association*)

Sun 18 August 1872

To church at Worthing with [Bessy] Longman. We came here on Friday and [____] to go to London tomorrow. Her kindness and [____] Worthing a dull place in no way attractive. A very long and [____] esplanade with handsome rows of houses, handsomer I think on the whole than Weymouth but nothing to see, and the smell of the beach very strong and some [effusion].

Wed 21 August 1872

Drew from Oriental Bank £120

Paid Capt. Skottowe into Oriental Bank £40.

Fri 23 August 1872

Wrote to Jane Evans (*sister*), Andrew Wauchope (*brother-in-law*), Lady Glyn

Paid Whitely £13 3/- for shirts etc.

Sun 25 August 1872

To St John's [Edinburgh] a beautiful church. I don't know where I have seen one whose decorations are [a ing] in such excellent taste, very handsome yet nothing overdone.

Wed 28 August 1872

Left Edinburgh by the pm train and went on to Tillicoultry, a cold wet afternoon. Got to Tillicoultry about 4pm. (*the Wauchope's home at that time*) Tillicoultry a good house, 80ft in front and 60-65 in depth with good garden, and [] house. Lies fittingly under the Ochills. Alva House about a mile away to the south.

Thu 29 August 1872

Went on to Alva House and found Mr (James) Johnstone in. Much as I had expected to see him. At 72, he has [6] young children, one a baby of 4 months. Alva House a fine house with good [] with status and [] from which the drawing room opens. Day very wet.

(*James Johnstone's son, James Henry L'Estrange Johnstone, aged 7 when Sprott visited Alva, married Amy Octavia Wauchope in 1891*)

Fri 30 August 1872

Morning wet but afternoon cleared. We went to the Rumbling Bridge near Dollar. The Devon rushes down between lofty cliffs of great beauty The bridge double, one above the other and the view above this looking down the stream is most charming. About 1 ½ miles lower is the Cauldron line with two fine falls. They cannot be both seen from one point, which is a pity, but the heavy rains had swollen the stream and we saw the falls to great advantage.

Sat 31 August 1872

Morning showery after a very wet night. At 4pm left Tillicoultry for Stirling. Rain found us. We arrived but on the station Mr and Mrs Dibbs, of the [Casenove] Bank, Sydney, home for a year's holiday.

Sun 1 September 1872

To the English Church with Willy and had very good sermon

Mon 2 September 1872

To write to Fan, Mike, W. Moreshead, Nathan, Belisarios, S. [Surrey],
H. Bradley

Wrote to W. Sanderson [Lapidary] Edinburgh about Seal for Archy (*perhaps the Boyd seal in Elaine's possession*)

Tue 3 September 1872

To write to Robert and P.O. Company about Berths. Did so.

Wed 4 September 1872

[] write to Mr Walker, Edinburgh about Will Three trustees; Mr Scott Moncrieff, Dr [] Brown and Mr Walker.

Thu 5 September 1872

To Doune Castle. Rained heavily. The fireplace in the kitchen immense, a high arch of over 20ft across spanned the room and behind this a space probably 10 feet deep. The chimney rose above and you could see the sky through.

Fri 6 September 1872

To Glasgow in the rain. Saw the Cathedral which is charming, the proportions so good that it looks internally larger than it is. Then 3 rows of circles in the nave, one above another very fine, and the Choir and Lady Chapel beautiful, unusually strong and substantial yet with no look of heaviness. The chapter house very elegant with its Central Column supporting the roof. The crypts the finest I ever saw with excellent work, which never could have been well seen, yet all well finished as if for broad daylight.

Sat 7 September 1872

Glasgow. Rain all day and night.

Sun 8 September 1872

At Glasgow to English Church St Judes (I think) and heard an excellent sermon. In the afternoon went about town and struck by crowds of people trudging the streets. Went to cemetery by Cathedral – very fine. An immense number of costly monuments, some in excellent taste.

Mon 9 September 1872

Left Glasgow in the rain and back to Stirling, the crops all laid and I hear sprouting.

Sat 14 September 1872

Paid Harriette [Inches] 90 Princes St by cheque on Oriental Bank, London £30
Ditto cash for plating candle-sticks 18/-

Sun 15 September 1872

This morning to Selkirk. To church and had excellent sermon. The number of handsome carriages at church door after service surprised me. Had charming drive up Yarrow to Lewinshope through Hangingshaw, most delightful under [B___], and back by the Bowhill grounds. All were [___ fully] improved since my time. On Broadmeadows, the plough has gone far up the hill. At Harehead a handsome house and Philipshaugh House looks very well from the road and especially from the Bowhill side. The [___] in the church was wonderful. 3 boys one very small were the only apparent choir, but their [___ ___] [___] of sixth was wonderful, and the organ playing by a bigger boy very good.

Mon 16 September 1872

This morning early from Selkirk at 8am and [awakened] Carlisle about half 11. About Hawick very beautiful, but great factories everywhere. From the [South] St bare till south of Riccarton, then softer and better wooded. Never saw the Eildon look finer and the wood on their sides very fine. A large house on the South slope. Walked over Carlisle, then little bit of the [___] of the Castle; very old and simple in style, in plan a bit of Norman as I soon saw.

Castle worth [saving]. Wondered where [Kinmont] Willie lay. On to [Gennett] and then to Keswick (*Cumbria*), the Greta a lovely stream, about size of Yarrow, and crossed again and again by the railway at most picturesque points. Bought pebble bracelet 7/6

Tue 17 September 1872

This morning in hand £39 13/-. Sky cloudy. Started at 10am with 9 others to [__ so __] by Buttermere etc. A lovely drive along East side of Derwent Water seeing Lodore Falls, not [me] and which could be good only in heavy weather. The average supply of water being small. On by the Bowden House to Borrowdale and up to Honister Pass. The Honister Crag, the finest point of the road and certainly very fine. Buttermere on appointed time, much [tamer] than I expected, and Crummock Water of which we saw part, of similar character. Round by Newlands valley [__] bleak but grand in its [barenness]. Round the head of Derwent Water and home.

Petticoat 8/-, lunch and sundries 3/6, Carriage 10/- Driver 2/-

Wed 18 September 1872

Rain all day. We did not get out anywhere. At times a blink of sunshine and then a thunder [__]

Wrote letters to Archy, Mike and W Bedford.

Paid paper etc 1/6, stamps 1/-, two small agate [cufs] 17/-, two lockets 2/-, whistle 3/6, bracelet 7/-

Fri 20 September 1872

Took coach to Coniston, a lovely lake, the view as we descend the hill to it is most lovely. Then by train to Furness Abbey, a grand ruin, the transept very fine and the Chapter House beautiful. I admired it greatly altogether. [Home] by Windemere. Very cold in the water and was glad to go below into the cabin.

Wrote to Fanny at [Blairgownie].

Wrote 3 days ago to Robert at Brighton.

[__] 1/6, [Crash] etc to Furness 20/-, [__ and __] 2/-, lunch at Furness 4/6

Sat 21 September 1872

Money today 10/- Had 2 very pleasant days at Ambleside and today a most chasing drive to Windemere where took train to Liverpool.

Wrote to Anna [__], William at Munich

Hotel bill £2, couch 4/6, train to Liverpool 22/- sundries 2/6, cab 2/6

Sun 22 September 1872

At Liverpool. Dined with the Kerrs. Bobby looking very ill. Went to St Judes Church. Very handsome building with fine roof.

Church 1/6, cab 2/-

Mon 23 September 1872

To write to Mr Ralston, S. Murray

Wrote to Bedford, including order on Oriental Bank for £75

Wrote to Fitz

Ditto to Archy

Ditto to Mike at Darkwater Ingham works

Came on from Liverpool after going about in the morning with Admiral Kerr raining all the time. Lunched with the Leslies and came on to Manchester afterwards. The Adelphi Hotel very dear, 3/- for breakfast and 4/- a day for service for us two. Stopped at Mosely's Hotel on Piccadilly, small but comfortable. rooms 8/6 a day. Saw Town Hall very fine. Exchange – St George's Hall a grand room with immense organ, which did not look so in the final size of the Hall.

Paid cab 5/6, ditto 1/6, ditto 1/6 Hotel bill £1 16/-, sundries 3/6, very dear. All charged 4/- a day. 3/-

Tue 24 September 1872

Bus 2/-, café 2/-, [Antima ____] 3/- Sundries 4/-

Wed 25 September 1872

Left Manchester [____] 6am and very cold. [____] good and moderate. Very flat climb all the way to Stoke. Went to see Minton's works and were shown all over very civilly and had everything explained. Saw first the throwing and then modelling on the wheel, drying, baking and printing, this done by stamping the [passes] with pattern engraved on [coffee], laying it out on the plate, rubbing it [____] with soft soap, then putting in water which washed off the paper, drying, dipping in the glaze of borax and white lead, and then baking again when the glaze becomes transparent and the colour shines through. And then painted or gilt and again baked and then the gold burnished.

Ordered a Dinner [____] for 18/-, price for one. For 12 £9 8/-. Also dessert set for 18 [percent ____] £7 15/-. Came to Birmingham to very comfortable hotel, the Hen and Chickens.

Wrote to Stuart Murray, Sydney and Mr Ralston, Sydney.

Hotel bill at Manchester £2 8/6 cab etc 2/-, Train to Stoke 9/6 lunch etc 2/-, Train to Birmingham 11/6 cab etc 2/-.

Thu 26 September 1872

Onion fair going on, the market places full of onions with booths and stalls and shows of all kinds, more [____] so many. Two large menageries and I daresay 100 [____] shows with country stall for sweets and [____] and toys. Two very large merry-go-rounds with horses 3 abreast all mounted chiefly by young women, well dressed. The crowd wonderful, almost impossible to force ones way along. Lasts 3 days, and is twice a year. The town Hall very handsome, a pink [temple] with corinthian pillars, 15 at the side, 8 at the ends, on [rustic] basement, the [latter] too rough and unfinished and spoiled by the number of doors and windows set in it. The market one of the very finest I have seen; like it better than that at Liverpool and far before Manchester. Went to see Elkington Place and saw the Stamping, soldering, engraving, [dipping] which is from 3-4 hours (24°) – all one quality except spoons and forks. Then gold dipping. At the silver baths great plates of fine silver like zinc in a common galvanic trough. Comes out opaque white, burnished by placing it against rotating brushes of fine brass wire. Went to [Gillott's] very civil at both places. Took cards from [Hotel] Saw drawing the steel, stamping, cutting [slots] all but the central one, rolling firing, annealing in oil, then the slot cut, then polished with emery and then saw dust, ground at

points or across, varnished and put in boxes which we saw made, [] chiefly beech and cedar.

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A long thin piece of wood, deeply grooved on one side, then the other. The [] these [passed] against circular saw which cuts to proper length, then rounded at end and [compressed] to go into the steel tube, then grooved – altogether wonderful. Fees 2/-, petticoat etc 19/6, sundries 2/6

Fri 27 September 1872

Today from Birmingham to Leamington a beautiful county throughout, undulating and finely wooded. Walked through and a very lively [] bustling town with streets laid out in excellent taste. I never saw a more [gentlemanly] looking town, everything thoroughly well kept. No back slums, at least not offensive, the houses stretching in to the country in all directions, the roads bordered with fine trees and everywhere the indications of wealth and good taste.

Hotel bill £2 3/-, cab and postage 2/-, toys 2/6, bookmarks 2/6, toys at Leamington 2/6, Train 6/-, cab 1/6. 27th. [Transfer] for finding £5 note 2/6, Cath 1/- and 4/-

Sat 28 September 1872

Today went in bus to Warwick and stayed there about 3 hours. The castle very fine, more beautiful than grand though the indications of strength in arched gateways, portcullis etc still remain. The great mass of the building rises right from the river and stands on the rock which crops up 200ft from the ground before the walls spring. Here four very fine cedars. On the whole not equal to those at [] but some are magnificent, one which [] a trunk the branches divided so soon, but of them there were six, the largest 13-14 feet round the others varying down to perhaps 5, altogether about 9 yards round. The reception room full of fine furniture with all sorts of [virtu], Florentine mosaic, very fine Limoges, enamel, [Palissy], carved wood and all sorts of things. One portrait a boy said by P. [] but certainly not by him is very charming. Warwick [hall] superb, cast out of a [] block of iron 7 feet square, the [case] and [] of the vine handles etc wonderful. Saw bits of armour said to be of the grand Guy with rib of [D] from the porridge pot of bronze on round base with [their property] (sketch) by which at night be raised (sketch of pot) holds 102 gallons. the old [] had [] it [] [] of punch when the present Earl came of age. It took 36 bottles of brandy and much rum, 100lbs of sugar and lemons etc in proportion.

Sun 29 September 1872

The [] where thrusts very fine. They [thumb] it with an iron fork some 5 feet long used to fish out the meat etc in the old days. [Dark] by [lens] after seeing the Hospital for 12 old soldiers taken from 5 [] round after 5 years' service with good character. The Hospice dates from Richard II in part but chiefly from 1571 when [] by R Dudley (Earl of Leicester). [] [bear] and ragged staff are seen everywhere. Each man has a room and small bedroom off, and may have his wife with him but not family. They have a garden kept for them and their meat cooked for them and a comfortable room to sit and snooze in. There is a handsome chapel with [nurse []] and the master gets £400 to look after them. If they go out in the town they wear a long coat with the badge in silver on it. [Here some] writing by the Earl and satin embroidery by [Curry] Robert etc. On coming back went by

train to Kenilworth, a grand ruin, the most exclusive I have seen in England and gigantic in its fragments. The walls of great thickness though all built of small stones with the outer layer smooth hewn. The remains of the banqueting chamber very fine. It must have been a splendid room, with 49 gothic windows a very charming sight altogether.

Bus 2/-, fees at Warwick 4/6, Fee at Kenilworth 2/-, Trains 2/-, Cath 3/6, sundries etc 4/-

Mon 30 September 1872

Wrote on Saturday long letter to Isabella.

Today came on to Oxford where stayed 5 hours and worked hard. Visited the Bodleian Library with fine ceiling all carved in Armorial Shields and many [] manuscripts and old printed volumes. A first bible printed in English (at [Lydon] I think). The Book of Proverbs exquisite written by a Scotch lady in 16 century, every chapter in different character. A few fine [] - [], Lu Kenelu, Bigby, von [] []. I saw 4 or 5 or more of the colleges all fine in design and all black and disfigured terribly by the falling off of the stone in large flakes of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick or more, giving a worm-eaten, tumbledown look to almost every building. Some of the courts very fine, especially the schools the [] of which wonderfully light with very little ornament. Of the colleges I think I most admired was [] and Magdalene, the chapel of the latter very fine and the façade very rich, the quadrangle beautiful. In the schools, the façade of the 5 order very fine. The hall of Wadham very good. Went into some of the rooms, very comfortable. Meals supplied at a moderate cost; dinner 1/8. For strangers with some variety 2/6, and lunch 6d. Dinner including meat, vegetables, pastry, bread and beer. Rooms £30, Fees £30, food not in the morning. Did not much admire the new museum which is in the common later Early English style. The collection not equal to what I expected.

Tue 1 October 1872

The Taylor Institution very handsome, a fine front Inside Chantreys [casts] for a very high [idea] of his excellent. His figures have such easy repose with dignity combined. Above is a fine collection of Raphael drawings £7000 worth, and some very fine examples of the very old Italian masters such as Pollaquiolo. A hunting scene by moonlight, a battle or rather tournament, the Death of Julius Caesar very great. A fine [Liz] Joshua, most perfect. Fine examples of Rembrandt's etchings. Then to the river and drove round a little, the river narrower than I looked, not even 150 wide, perhaps not over 100. Country around all flat. Was very comfortable at Crown at Leamington. Rent there not high; a good house £70-80 and furnished for £130. Hotel bill £3 5/6. Train to Oxford 16/8, Train to Reading 7/6, Seeing Oxford guide 4/-, Fees 4/-, lunch, book cab 5/-, porters and cab 4/-, college café 7/6. 3/- Wrote to Col Campbell.

Thu 3 October 1872

Paid Moorland £23.5.5

Fri 4 October 1872

Wrote to Mrs [Hindman], Dr Mackenzie and Mrs G.W. Allen by Brindisi Mail
Paid Whitely for paper 1.17.0 Jampot 14/9 [] 21/- Cath 10/-, cab etc 2/6

Sat 5 October 1872

Wrote to Mrs McArthur

Mon 14 October 1872

Sundries 3/-

Tue 15 October 1872

Wrote to [Sr R Chorition] Ditto to Dr Begbie

Paid Beck and Beck for repairs for the microscope £11.15.6 Paper and stamps 3/- busses 2/- [medium] 1/- Metcalfe for [card dish] for her children £3.15.0

Wed 5 October 1872

Paid Throat hospital 31/6 Cab and busses etc 5/6, Hospital for throat 31/6, cab Mrs [Gallen] 2/-, candlestick for [] 3/6 sundries 1/-

Thu 17 October 1872

At the Throat Hospital goitre very common and of large size of 2 kinds, cystic or non-[finally] encysted and solid. The former treated by [punctures] to [] the fluid, then inject a solution of Ferr Perchlor. 3 parts of the liquor F.P. to 3 parts of water, this injected and allowed to remain, the canula of the trocan staying in and being [fluffed] in 2 days allowed to run away and the injection repeated so long as the fluid which escapes has a tinge of blood. When it comes away like [], the injection ceases and the case is [cemented] like [one] of abscess. This [count] heals but leaves the walls of the cyst quite thick and hard. Then 3 parts of T Iod C. is injected into the [] of the wall and allowed to [remain] and then repeated once a week. This same injection of T Iod is used in cases of the Solid Goitre. Sometimes repeated [blistering] is good. [] very efficacious, then application of the [L__ Lytt__] much the best. For [relocation] of the [] the sol [] 3 parts - 3, and then [course] application on a [breach] and P M Hyd the favorite medicine especially if there be any suspicion of syphilis.

Fri 18 October 1872

Dr McKenzie has direct lift from an Oxy Hyd [bureau]. It states that [swelling of the small cartilages which sit so to speak on the [Arytamoid] is diagnostic of Phthisis. Saw one case of oedematous glottis which was very curved, the 2 edges mostly [uniting].

At Eye Hospital a favorite [] Atrop Sulph [] []

Sun 20 October 1872

Write to W. Smith for case for photos.

Thu 7 November 1872

Wrote to James Duddingston at Elie (*His brother Archie married Elizabeth Hay Duddingston at Elie in 1844*)

Went to Wimbledon to see Jane (*Boyd Evans*) and the girls (*Sarah and Eleanor*)

Wed 13 November 1872

Left London at 7:40 for Dover a dark foggy morning. Rained before we got halfway. At Dover heavy hail shower while getting on board steamer. Heavy sea running and spray and water swept across the deck. Scarcely any shelter whatever from the weather. Very civil at Custom House. **To Paris** about 7pm. The stations on the road looking shabby and out of order and the villages equally poor; no beauty of journey. Stayed at St James Hotel. Up [next] morning and to [Mason]. Fan about 55fr.

Thu 14 November 1872

Off by 11am. Express train and all 1st class places. Went at about 27 miles an hour. All up the valley of the Saône, very pretty and in summer would be very cheerful scenery but nothing striking. About 20 miles out of Paris snow lay on the ground with pretty [] on the hills. Trees all quite bare and indeed nothing but poplars, mostly [] ded]. Towards Dijon very pretty but was getting dark. Arrived at [Chalon] about 10. All the way through the country very wet, the low grounds often flooded and the farther south we get the thicker lay the snow. At Maçon went to Hotel du [Sauvage], clean and cheap though plain in accommodation. The town lies in a long [s] on both sides of the Saône which here a noble stream not less than 1000feet wide, a great body of water crossed by a fine bridge just opposite our windows. Altogether a pretty but dull town.

Fri 15 November 1872

Left before 5, the train leaving at 6. Took place to Turin, the fare by express fare about 48f. The train [] a couple of miles of ground quite under water on both sides. For miles the water seemingly of considerable depth. Soon after ridge of the Inca came in view and we were soon among the hills, at first low and rounded but rapidly becoming loftier and more rugged, with well-marked horizontal layer of limestone at first and then becoming especially jagged at crest and sharply furrowed on the sides. (sketch) regularly ribbed in a gigantic fashion. The views more charming and became more and more so all the way to Culoz. Then to Chambéry which most splendidly situated [over] by precipitous cliffs absolutely bare of all verdure with the valley rich in vines and mulberry trees and the place which [] its [] well. All the way to Moderne a procession of grand views, rugged and bare at times, the snow lying thick everywhere. The road climbs the edge of a mountain torrent crossed by [] [] small bridge with frequent villages

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and at the last village Modane we are changed into the [Halian] carriages, very comfortable. We go about a mile before we go through a tunnel which took only 2 minutes then a little space and then again all very dark, this time for 26 minutes (the length but 8 to 9 miles I am told). On the French side a number of small tunnels before reaching [border], and before we are clear of the large one, it receives light at our side by a number of semi-circular spaces cut in the rock out into the valley. For miles after, the road is half tunnel with most lovely [P] between, and at last we look down on Susa and (at a distance beautiful town) probably 1000 feet at least below. The train runs along the side, something as it does in N.S.W. on the Bathurst line. The snow lay fairly thick. The hills which everywhere and plenty of wooden shovels lying about for it. Altogether a delightful day. Got to Turin about half 6, went to Hotel Trombetta. Very good and charge not expensive. **Sarah Evans** not very well so **Kate** and I walked out with rain which had just come on. Streets all slushy with snow. Walked along Via (on Page Sat 9 November 1872)

del Po, the finest street in Turin. Turned under the P del Castello and walks all round under the arcades which return likewise down the V. del Po to the river. The streets crowded chiefly with men, but few women out, and the shops fairly [let with fare]. Shops all small, chiefly for sale of pretty things, jewellery, gloves etc. The old palace which stands in the square an odd mixture of styles, cafes and hideously ugly. Partly modern comparatively in good order, partly very old of brick with moat in front and two round towers at angles with bushes all tumbling out; looks time-eaten and decayed with little attempt to repair it. Streets handsome with [howsers] 6 stones high, paved with flags outside [as each] [th_u] 2 lines of stone tramway and easy way in the middle. Every tenth house in the Via del Po a café.

Sat 16 November 1872

Next morning snow falling [ceaselessly] and the streets soon a couple of inches deep. Took cab 172f per hour and drove about the town across the bridge, very beautiful with wooded heights crowned by picturesque treetops. The public gardens very pretty as far as we could judge. Went to the Armoury where saw many [] suits. [] of [Francis] 1st taken at [Pavna] and many

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of Italian [premier] work of steel and gold, wonderfully inlaid and chiselled. A [Brescian] family [Martinisugo] had several magnificent suits and a sword and shield by Cellini very fine. Here too many swords etc given to the King of Italy by the chief towns. An [album] studded with diamonds etc. One horse around with rhinoceros hide [s_ued] of steel. In picture gallery not very much but a few very good. A fine P. [Veronica] Mary Magdalene at [Plasies] house etc in [] fine condition; a Friar Bufans, a fine Guercino the Prodigal Son's Return, one of the best things I have seen of his; The [Bupanos] too very fine in colour so rich and harmonious. Some fine Vandykes and finally the [] of Charles I which particularly [great]. The Raphael Madonna [silk] tender I [just adhere] too red and altogether coarse looking for him, wants more delicacy. A [fist] of the graces, very good flesh, the limbs very round and true.

Sun 17 November 1872

Last night so wet and cold that we did not come on from Turin. Sarah having had headache all day. Left there morning at 7am, a fine morning, foggy at first. Fog cleared off and we had a splendid view of the Alps from Mt Blanc eastward and the Monte Rose chain and many grand peaks whose names I did not know, all white with snow from crest to base and the ground about us all white also. The [Laphic] Alps looked whiter from the comparative want of snow on the lower range which lay between us and then formed the middle distance. All the way a most lovely country except about Alessandria when all went flat and low, but we soon got among the hills again and it is charming. Mulberry trees abound on the slopes clad with vines. The plane trees numerous but the hedges and sides of the road planted chiefly with acacia which wonderfully in leaf, some plants being not much touched by the cold. All up the valley of the Scrivia wild and beautiful and so again down from Busalla (the water shed) where also we follow a stream down to Genoa. The snow thick to Busalla [] 4 inches deep everywhere, but as soon as we crossed, no snow except on hill tops and the hill sides thickly [] dded] valley.

Mon 18 November 1872

Spent the day in Genoa [] all [] especially the view from the garden in the middle of the town, a most lovely view rarely []. The view from the Barracks to the west is fine, giving grand perspective on the town, harbour and to the East with Mont Albano in the distance. That [] from the garden is a grand panorama and the surrounding ridge of hills each crowned with a fortification is very grand. Saw the Palace. Some fine pictures, but the rooms though grand and with inlaid floors, cold and comfortless. The Balbi Palace (*Royal*) again the rooms all richly and comfortable furnished and the pictures add definition and beauty. Some very fine ones with many objects of virtue besides. The streets very narrow indeed and some of the chief, a Via del Pri perhaps 15ft wide, the broad cornices above seemed able to touch and mainly shut out the sky altogether. The side streets and lanes as narrow as the closes off the High St in Edinburgh, but wonderfully clean. Absolutely clean everywhere. The palaces disappointed me. The Strada Balbi not imposing marble though in places []. No very fine frontages while the courts not to be compared with those at [Rome]. No very good shops, but plenty of coral and filigree work, the best collection of the last at the Hotel. Hotel d'Italia at [Croci di Mater] all good and moderate. Harbour crowded with small vessels, all small.

Tue 19 November 1872

Came on last night from Genoa to Sestri by moonlight, a most lovely ride. I don't think I ever saw anything more beautiful crossing the narrow gorges which run down to the sea, [wider] this on high viaducts spanning the valleys and looking down on the towns beneath. On one side to the sea which broke in lovely bays and on the other up the narrow defiles to the mountains splendid with villas and inlaid with gardens and olive trees. Altogether a repetition of most charming scenes. Got to Sestri after three hours, a pretty good inn some way from the station.

In the morning found no certain [tidings] of the []. We ought to hear later places in it at Genoa and could not secure them till the morning train arrived, so rather than have the uncertainty, took a carriage with three horses to Spizza. 60 lira with buono mano. Came on [] and [] thing] on the road which was lovely everywhere. A very long hill out of Sestri, up, up, up, and a very long one down to Spizza with no end of zig zags, but the driving was splendid and the horses seemed to know their work. We stopped halfway for 1 ½ hours and had some very scrubby fare. The whole ride charming and got to Spizza about 5 and had to wait at station till [half 6] very uncomfortable, and then **on to Pisa** where put up at La [P] a fairly good hotel.

Wed 20 November 1872

This morning all over Pisa, a solemn, grand looking as far as the [] Arno excludes but otherwise poor shabby looking town, all [] the noble space which holds the Cathedral with other marvels. We saw all these well, the cut of the Cathedral very fine and the outside with its alternate layers of black and white pleased me more than I expected. Saw afar the old doors. The tower must be seen to be admired properly; none of the views of it convey a fair impression of its stateliness. In the Baptistry very fine carving on the pulpit and the font which like ivory for [] finish. The Campo Santo little changed since I saw it. The Triumph of Death still very perfect, but the Last Judgement and other frescos I fancy seem faded than 35 years ago. The front of the Cathedral very fine and pleased much [all opens]. In [] the church Maria della Spina a most loving bit of gothic of the rarest finish and []

like Roslyn Chapel. We did not see it well as it under repair. No National continues anywhere. Left Pisa about 1 by lower road, and [] by [] Innocent] but had fine views notwithstanding, though the final line flat. All very fertile. People seemed poor. Got to Florence about sundown. Went to the Europa in the Via Tornabuoni near the Ponta de Trinita and found it good and comfortable.

Thu 21 November 1872

Today and tomorrow rambled over Florence and first the Duomo which [grander] there even inside very plain with perhaps too little ornament while the façade still bare unfinished brick and mortar a [] to the Florentine [] interior. Has but a single row of pillars on [] side which gives [great] lightness as the great width is so [much] broken and the [flags in the three final] chapels in splendid. I don't remember ever seeing [] then what I used to adhere that of St Stephens at Vienna. We climbed up to the top of the Duomo though not to the Ball; as it was it made my legs ache and the wonderful thickness of the walls through which we climbed amazed us. We counted 470 steps or [] and the view well deserves all the labour. I doubt if there is a finer in the world. I am inclined to put it as No. 1, the hills, the valleys and the green foliage. The light and shade, the sparkling of villas, the [broaching] of the line of hills by lofty churches and [pines] with the river winding through all within the grand foreground of the city itself. The magnificent panorama all round is splendid. Came down with regret. Santa Croce and the [Xavier] del Fiori, both grand chambers and the form interesting. Stone [reports], while the façade which bare like that of the Cathedral when I was here in 1838, is now restored and very finely done

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in black and white. [] the tomb of Michelangelo much and thought [] of the sculpture equal to his own. Besides this, another tomb and the transept very fine, the figures very subtle. I think by Baggio Cavallo but am not sure. Saw through the [Tribune] but was not so [] as I expected. Some by the [] []. In the Pitti greatly pleased. [] the Madonna oil grand, much better than the [] Sedia, but prefers some others of Raphael's to both. The David of Michelangelo covered I suppose for repair, but admired the Perseus and as much as ever the [Loggia []]. I still think them the finest trinity of [] in the world. I had not remembered the Orsanmichele so that its beauty [] new to me and I did find it most lovely, the finish and beauty of the windows most wonderful. Could get no good photo of it. [J [] shut in but the windows of the Cathedral gave always fresh pleasure. Thin frames are [] Bombay ivory and ebony work so [minute] is it. I never saw anything like it anywhere else. Orsanmichele is like it only the addition of the statues by [Donatello] and [Athens]. The niches add another charm.

Sat 23 November 1872

At Florence not much at the shop except Turquoise work [] as specially [] and boxes etc in Florentine marble, letter weights very pretty for 30 lira, larger for 60 l. Saw no bronzes anywhere worth having - in this matter I am much disappointed. Came on from Florence in the morning and am glad we did not come by night, the country is so charming. Every town most beautiful and the farther we go, the more beautiful. Spoleto, [Apris], Perugia all were. Arezzo shows no particular beauty lying flat, but all down the valley to Terni for many miles it was exquisite, so wild - a most wonderful rail road, the line

brought through most difficult ground, reminding in form NSW lines across the Blue Mountains. No national costume and the people looked poor. Got to Terni about 4 and at once got carriage off to the falls. I thought my time close but they turned out 7-8 miles off and up hill all the way; up, up, up, under the mountains of [] opposite Monte [Somme] down which we now come and passing [] Papigno, a most lovely village by which for the lower path to the falls. This perhaps gives the finest view but requires a walk of more than a mile on foot. We drove up to [] of the fall and looked down it, or at one point about off 6ft [] $\frac{1}{2}$ its

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descent. We had a guide who took us to four points of view, all fine. The last the best. The [depths] revived all my old stimulation and wonder, only over time was so []. [] there was no [Iris]. A crowd of beggars all round. Drove back at stately pace and quite dark. Paid guide 3f, with one more as he was so good and paid 15f for carriage – this I believe a cheat but could not dispute it. Inn not good and clean, the Hotel d'Angleterra. [] in commanded in Bradshaw but I should prefer better [] or [Corona].

Sun 24 November 1872

The morning off from Terni and had a most [ex] ride down the valley of the Nera by the [] bridge of Narni, one of the finest views in the world, so wild and every turn beautiful. I remember well how the [] ran 35 years ago. For miles a succession of [ch] until you get to the valley of the Tiber, when the ground spread out flat and with such interest, possibly [Sorata] on our right [co ____ ally] hill topped town on the left of the stream. Got to Rome about 1 and the Hotel d'Angleterra very good and comfortable, in the Via di Bocca di Leone close to the Piazza di Spagne

Mon 25 November 1872

So much to see in Rome it is hard to choose and the shops are very inviting and distract one from the antiquities. Went to Castellani and saw lovely things but all for [under] [] antique []. Nothing under £20 and most fell above that 40 or 60 or anything you like, and of no great look after all. Saulines where we were told to look for Cameos, alas very dear. Large assortment in both shell and stone, not mounted but all dear, nothing under £10 good for anything and up to £30 small cameo for a [] brooch. Shell one also dear. I think very much dearer than in my former day. In the shops lovely work in mosaic in bracelets etc but also high priced. Little to be had under £10 of any kind. Photos cheap here as all over Italy and few very good of large size unmounted for 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ lira. In another shop save [2 oz] were 2 $\frac{3}{4}$, but very good ones mounted, smaller size for 1fr. Went to St Peters and wandered about. How immense it is. No other church impresses so. The [] the people after it and look so small. The church much [ed] by the [right façade] and partly [] also []. Then up for the great council of last []. [Canover lions] hidden and the mosaic of the St [Jerome]. I think the mosaic of the transfiguration broke. Listen then the [] itself.

Tue 26 November 1872

The modesty of later years is amazing. The [sun] everywhere fig leaves over men women and infants and one of Michelangelo's grand monuments is disfigured by a bronze [] painted white – [] and then down. The Sistine chapel looks decaying and the roof and grand pictures at the end did not impress me as they once did. The last [] partly hidden by a

great canopy like a huge 4 post bedstead. In the Vatican [] and Apollo the latin hill the finest of [] though [C] Perseus and [] their place. [] has gained on me. This Perseus a splendid thing and the monument at Vienna the [finest] sepulchral sculpture in the world. A [] or basin in porphyry pleased me and 2 [] perhaps in porphyry, not for the design which heavy and coarse but the labour immense. Let us not forget the grand bronze Hercules gilt found of late years. A grand figure 12 ft high and altogether, the whole hall in which he stands (of late erection) very fine and full of French works. A statue of Herva as Jupiter very good. One sees the name of [Pires] etc everywhere but he has really [] with great []. Didn't care for the native pictures the Transfiguration and St Jerome and then old places as reminders of your []

Wed 27 November 1872

Nothing very striking in St Maria Maggio and St [P]. Saw [] the Gladiator and went round and up the Colosseum. This a grand view. We spent a good hour cruising through its arches and enjoyed it [much]. Then by the Forum. Temple of [Vesta] still always lovely. St James larger and more massive than I thought and went down to the Cloaca Maxima. The Forum much excavated since I saw it so as to show the Forum [], otherwise I saw little change.

Left at midday for Naples and had some charming glimpses of Frascati, Giusanno and Albano as we shot by. Then Mount to the west rose as if out of the sea, so flat over the plain between. Hotel di [Propic] at [] very good and comfortable and moderate.

Thu 28 November 1872

Fair morning so we went to Pompeii and drove all the way. I expected a pleasanter drive, alas should have gone by train and saved time, but we saw nothing of the country the whole [] by Pozzuoli and Torre Annunziata lying between houses and high stone walls for the whole 12 or 14 miles with only a short and occasional glimpse of the []. Still we saw station life, the houses, the people, the [Carratillers] though these not as many now. I saw a great change, better here [] the national costume almost disappeared, not above 2 or 3 women in the old Contadinna dress. Maccaroni all along the road hung out to dry and people [cooling] it and dressing their hair as of old times. Got in 2 hours to Pompeii much altered here. [] there much enlarged, but terribly hurried through by our guide who seemed to think every minute he had was a loss to him. And yet hurry as we had, we were 3 hours looking round and it was past 6 and dark when we got back to Naples. The casts of the bodies are very interesting, and the amphitheatre surprised me by its dimensions. It looked large [] the Colosseum the benches wonderfully perfect. The 2 other theatres too wonderfully perfect. Nothing of [date] has been found of special interest and no doubt the best has been brought to light, and the forum and the great

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temple are all open today. The shops with their great jars of earthenware [] in the brick [] built in to the walls very striking and the oil shop with a large number of [] oil jars some 3 1/2 feet high very curious. Scarcely any windows. One [however] a narrow slit (sketch) had a bit of [flap] in the upper part still left of a pale dirty [green] colour and [] the []. The few windows in the outer walls and the stairs were grated with iron outside and a

wooden shutter within which lifted up on a hinge. The streets wonderfully perfect and the [first] stones for [post passengers] to cross on very striking.

Fri 29 November 1872 and Sat 30 November 1872

This morning wanted to go up Vesuvius but it rained heavily and the mountain covered with clouds so gave it up. Vesuvius looked higher than when I last saw him and I believe is too, and more conical. No smoke visible and all quiet. Today to the Museum and the bronzes from Pompeii, some very lovely, a horse most splendid, the 2 Durers which I [] most charming, and 2 new []s of small size, about 18 inches high, a [Sil] which said supposition [] and an [Aut] [] the finest things of their kind. The [Aut] charming in pose with every limb full of easy life. [Even to the fu] I was pretty taken with it but [] of the [] and they were everywhere gave the

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[lightsome] grace of the original, the limbs were heavy and the attention [contained] and we bought none. Several new things added, and many very fine, the [] [chert], could not remember, and the portable stoves etc, also the armour. The old [] [], helmets and cheek plates and nose piece, and gladiator armour with extraordinary helmets with broad brims and then a visor of lattice work covering all of the face altogether, of great weight. The [greaves] too for the legs very, very heavy. One helmet was immense, a regular [pot] of iron (sketch) Drove round by M. [Ebius] and had fine view, but quite inferior to the of Florence and I think not equal to Genoa. Then down by the Grotto of Posillipo which higher than I thought and longer and indeed very fine. Drove from end to end $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile and then home by the Chiaia and Villa Reale. [] at some shops of coral ornaments, all very dear, but wonderfully cut. This is the great trade here, this and lava and tortoiseshell. The lava ornaments all deficient in colour, the tortoise shell pretty and cheap. A coral ornament cut in figures, say Europa and with [] 2-3 inches long from 10 to 20 pounds, nothing less, and a handsome set of bracelet, necklet etc at least £30.

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Photos very cheap and good. Very good ones of good [sign] mounted on thick board at 1f each. [Ingolier] vases also cheap; saw a pair very handsome at 200fr at Florence when the [Finori works] just asked 300fr for one handsome vase. **Bronzes neither cheap nor dear. The Centurion fairly finished 250fr, coarsely finished 200fr. Saw nothing equal to what one finds everywhere in London or Paris.**

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Last night at 9pm left Naples for Brindisi by slow train and got to Foggia about 6am. Stayed there an hour having done nothing on the way, and then on to Brindisi. The country quite flat all the way an [uniform] [fine] plain on both sides with the [Appenines] in the distance. Got to Barletta and saw the sea and kept near the water all the farther way. For series of miles ran among olive trees with almonds and figs mixed. Some of the olive trees very old and rugged but none equal in size to what we saw in Palestine, none indeed really approached them. People all looked very poor. Saw from Foggia southwards a [house] new to me scattered everywhere among the [layer] and flat [] of the []

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These seemed comfortable enough, flat roofed with a small flight of stone steps on the top.

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These [] of 4 stories [] but not above 20ft high. Others only 2 stories all made of small stones built up with cement and many looked tumbling down. The ledges between the stories covered with grass at times but more generally only 2 or 3 stories, the lower with a door and the upper ones [] 4 or 5 ft high. A sort of ladder seemed in some to wind round them to [prevent] []. Among the [] much cotton planted in square holes so that the rain ran in to the plant. The vines generally trained on small sticks. In the north saw it twined round the mulberry chiefly but also on dead wood of good size and sometimes 3 or 4 vine stems rising round a central tree and the branches twisted round the top also, like a [barbil] (sketch). It had a queer look. About half 3 got to Brindisi and found the steamer waiting.

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us and after a good wash and tea at the Hotel we got on board on **Saturday evening**.

Wrote to Robert and William from Brindisi [] for Suez.

Fri 6 December 1872

Got to Alexandria today at 5pm after 3 days rough weather. Heard bad accounts of Moulton the South [] ship. Went on shore at 7 and waited at station till 10, weary work. Started and all night to Suez, where got at about 9am. Got on board **the Surat** at once.

Tue 10 December 1872

Have been at Suez there 4 days, but time passed pretty well. Had awful account of damage suffered by Moulton. On the way here [] had suffered but our things came all right and quite dry and the real damage to anyone's goods was but small. Went in to Suez but nothing to see walked bazaar nothing for sale.

Thu 12 December 1872

Headwards and sea not very smooth.

Mon 16 December 1872

To Aden tonight after rough weather for several days – very unusual I hear for the place and season. Most people squeamish and uncomfortable.

Sun 22 December 1872

For last 4 days in cabin sick every day. Most people poorly.

Wed 25 December 1872

Today very fine, the best day we have had. Sea nearly smooth. One of our boilers has given way so we go on to 3 in place of 4 – our usual rate very slow, 6-7 knots. Today about 9 the wind began move with us.

Sprott and Catherine's Itinerary, based on the above.

8 Jan 1872 King George Sound Albany, WA

22 Jan Galle, Ceylon

4 Feb arr Aden

11 Feb arr Suez

12 Feb Ismailia

13 Feb in Cairo

15 Feb in Cairo

16 Feb in Cairo

20 Feb started Nile cruise

27 Feb Luxor

1 Mar Esneh

2 Mar Edfu

3 Mar Kom Umbu

4 Mar Philae

5 Mar Philae and cataracts

7 Mar Luxor again

8 Mar Abydos

9 Mar Asyut?

12 Mar Cairo again

15 Mar left Cairo for Alexandria

16 Mar left Alex by ship

17 Mar Port Said

18 Mar Jaffa

20 Mar Lydda (Lod)

22 Mar Jerusalem

25 Mar Hebron

26 Mar NW of Hebron

27 Mar Bethlehem

28 Mar Dead Sea

29 Mar Jericho

30 Mar Jerusalem

3 Apr Lebonah near Shiloh

4 April Nablus

7 Apr Jenin

Jordan R

Sea of Galilee

Tiberias

Magdala

Mt Tabor

12 Apr Nazareth

13 Apr near Mt Carmel

14 Apr Haifa

15 Apr Sapphoris

18 Apr Meiss El Jabal

20 Apr west side of Mt Hermon

21 Apr Banias (Hermon stream)

22 Apr Rashaya

23 Apr Dimass (Syria)

24 Apr Damascus

27 Apr Beirut

2 May Tripoli

3 May Alexandretta

4 May Mersin

6 May Rhodes

9 May Smyrna

22 May Vienna

23 May Munich

18 Jul Shaftesbury

19 Jul London

23 Jul

28 Jul Bath

4 Aug Marnhull

11 Aug Stamford

12 Aug Brighton

16 Aug Worthing

19 Aug London

25 Aug Edinburgh

28 Aug Tillicoultry

31 Aug Stirling

6 Sep Glasgow

9 Sep Stirling

15 Sep Selkirk

16 Sep Carlisle and Keswick

19 Sep Ambleside

21 Sep Liverpool

23 Sep Manchester

25 Sep Birmingham

27 Sep Leamington

28 Sep Warwick

30 Sep Oxford

1 Oct Reading

7 Nov Wimbledon

13 Nov Dover to Paris

14 Nov Maçon

16 Nov Turin

17 Nov Genoa

18 Nov Sestri
19 Nov Pisa
20 Nov Florence
23 Nov Terni
24 Nov Rome
27 Nov Naples and Pompeii
30 Nov Brindisi and boarded steamer
6 Dec Alexandria
10 Dec Suez
16 Dec Aden
23 Dec Galle
29 Dec departed Galle
12 Jan departed Albany
20 Jan departed Port Philip
22 Jan arr Sydney *Baroda*