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(Personal) ~~Miner~~

Boston, March 21, 1824

Dear Sir William :

Mr. William Gray

Brooks, a gentleman of
high standing in one of
our historical bodies here,
remarked to me, about
a fortnight ago, that he
had taken the liberty
of suggesting my name
to the Nova Scotia Histor-
ical Soc. (Halifax) as an

honorary or corresponding
member, & asked if I
had heard from that
Soc'y. He said that a
letter from F. Blake
Crofton, Soc'y, early
in Feb., stated that
the matter was, or rather
would be, laid before the
Board. Mr. B. said
that, aside from my historical
standing & work, my interest

in N. S. was marked, as
my family, as Tories, settled
in that province in '76-'80,
one becoming the initial
gov. of N. Brunswick.
He might also have said
that Gen. Winslow (alas!)
evicted the Acadians,
that the quartermaster general
at the siege of Louisbourg
was ~~another~~ also a Gen.
Winslow.

If you feel disposed to
second, in a word or
two, Mr. Burkes' suggest-
ion, I shall be thankful.

He knows naught of my
communication to you.
But please do not trouble
yourself, if pressed for
time, etc.

Beri Hasan I.T., just
received is valuable indeed.
The "Survey" is doing a
fine work ethnographically.
Mrs. Winzor desires to write
with me in kindest regards
to Lady Dawson & yourself.
Ever Very Sincerely,
Wm Copley Winzor

Egypt Exploration Fund.

Archæological Survey of Egypt.

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PERCY BUCKMAN (Artist).

JOHN E. NEWBERRY, A.R.I.B.A. (Architect).

HOWARD CARTER (Draughtsman).

THE object of the Archæological Survey is to preserve full records of the monuments in Egypt, which are fast perishing under the ravages of time and the more destructive agency of modern vandalism. It was begun in 1890, under the auspices of the Egypt Exploration Fund, and with the full approval and support of the Egyptian Government, and of the Director of the National Egyptian Museum at Gizeh.

In July, 1890, the services of Mr. Percy E. Newberry were engaged, and after preliminary studies under Mr. F. Li. Griffith's direction, in the course of which the published and unpublished materials relating to the archæology of the district of Miniyeh were collected and examined, he started for Egypt and was there joined by Mr. G. W. Fraser, who had in the meantime been engaged to make the necessary plans and to assist by his local knowledge. Arriving in Upper Egypt towards the end of November, 1890, these Explorers settled at Beni Hasan for the purpose of surveying the rock-cut tombs in the cliff on the east bank of the Nile; and also of exhaustively copying, tracing, and photographing the hieroglyphic texts and wall-paintings for which these tombs are celebrated. They are among the most important existing monuments of the XIth and XIIth Egyptian Dynasties. Mr. Newberry and Mr. Fraser worked in the tombs of Beni Hasan from the end of November, 1890, till the early summer 1891, during which time Mr. Newberry took outline tracings of all the wall-paintings in six of the painted tombs and copied all the hieroglyphic inscriptions. Mr. Fraser, meanwhile, surveyed and planned the tombs and excavated several of the tomb-pits. Mr. Blackden, an artist, who joined the Expedition in February, 1891, made a number of coloured drawings of the size of the originals, comprising groups of figures, animals, plants, birds, water-fowl, and other remarkable paintings on the walls of the tombs. (For a full account of the work done by the Survey officers during 1890-1, see the *Extra Special Report*, published in 1891.)

During the summer Mr. Newberry prepared the immense collection of tracings for the photo-lithographer, and continued his studies of the texts and paintings, while Mr. Fraser finished the plans.

At the end of October, 1891, the work at Beni Hasan was resumed and the remaining six tombs were copied. After this the exploring party (which had been strengthened by the appointment of Mr. Carter) removed to El Bersheh and made a similar survey of the

tombs in that locality, many of which were hardly, if at all, known to exist. It was found that the principal tomb had been most seriously mutilated in 1888 or 1890, and another tomb, dating from a very obscure and interesting period, of which a record had fortunately been made by Prof. Sayce in 1886, was almost entirely destroyed. While reconnoitring in the desert behind the famous site of Tell-el-Amarna, Mr. Newberry had the good fortune to find some quarries of alabaster which proved to be the historical Hat-Nub; a series of cartouches of ancient kings painted and incised on the sides of the excavation attested its importance. It is known from the inscriptions that the sarcophagus of King Merenra (VIth dynasty) was hewn in Hat-Nub, and, like many other royal monuments, must have been transported to the Nile bank along a causeway which still exists. (*See, for a fuller account, the last Annual Report, 1890-1.*) It may be added that Mr. Blackden has made copies of some rudely executed, but curious, paintings representing scenes from the birth of S. John the Baptist, which decorated an ancient, rock-cut church, in the quarries near *Dér-en-Nakhleh*.

During the past six months the work of the Survey has been continued in England by Mr. Newberry and by Mr. Carter, who had assisted him in the work of tracing during the winter.

The work of the Archæological Survey of Egypt aims at *exactitude* in the fullest sense of the word, and it is hoped that the texts about to be published, year by year, and volume by volume, will furnish unparalleled examples of fidelity and completeness.

The result of each year's work will be published in annual volumes, uniform with the Memoirs of the Egypt Exploration Fund. These volumes, edited by Mr. F. Ll. Griffith, B.A., F.S.A., of the British Museum, will contain maps, plans, and accurate copies of the wall-paintings and hieroglyphic texts, and the letterpress will give full descriptions, translations, and historical and other summaries. In view of the very little that is generally known of the history and archæological teachings of even the most frequented monuments, the interest and importance of this new series of publications can scarcely be over-estimated.

The work of the coming season is to continue the Survey southward; the great capital of Tell-el-Amarna will be the main seat of operations. The private work of Prof. Flinders Petrie during the season of 1891-92 has elucidated many points relating to the city itself, but the numerous rock-cut tombs of courtiers of the heretic kings, with their abundant scenes and inscriptions, still await a thorough survey, and promise to throw much light on the official creed and the mode of life in a remarkable epoch of Egyptian history.

It may be remarked that the materials at the disposal of the Survey include several of the most important MS. collections that exist. The magnificent portfolios of Egyptian drawings collected by Robert Hay (1825-37) and many collections of less note are in the British Museum, and the notebooks of the celebrated traveller Sir J. Gardner Wilkinson have been kindly lent to the Society by Sir Vauncey Crewe. A collection is being formed of drawings, photographs, squeezes of and notes on Egyptian monuments, and it will greatly assist the work of the Survey if those who possess records of even recent date will present or lend them to the Society.

Subscriptions in aid of the Survey Fund will be gratefully received by the Secretary, Miss EMILY PATERSON, Office of the Egypt Exploration Fund, 37, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.; by the Rev. W. C. WINSLOW, D.D., LL.D., &c., Vice-President of the Fund, 525, Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., U.S. America; and by the Local Honorary Secretaries of the Society in Great Britain, the Colonies, and the United States of America.

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A CHALLENGE.

Mr. H. VILLIERS STUART, in confirmation of an offer made by himself in the columns of *The Times* on Tuesday, October 7th, 1890, promises to give £50 towards the expenses of the Archæological Survey of Egypt, provided that forty-nine other well-wishers will do the same. The following subscriptions in answer to this challenge have already been received:

	£	s.	d.
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Per W. E. Woodson
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