

done to Lady with a list of
subscriptions, also to Mrs. Dunn,
Arling. Mrs. Baynes, Mr. Bond
Mrs. Baynes & all others.
And also one to send her
love to her & to say of ap-
pology of her pleasure to thank
Gloria for a letter she
received from her
at some time five weeks
ago. Love. Lady Galt
as I have done help
to you - discretion.
You - loving
Another
I repeat love to George
knowing he is and will stay
apt to think & there is no Commence

in a very practical way how busy
for me are from home. Our last
letter was one from Florence to myself
dated December 15th, 7 with the multitude
of variety of things that occupy us & was
the beginning of another year's
travels in the far past. We are quite
apprehensive that, as we have on
Tuesday, only to begin our baggage up the
Hill, that we may again disturb
our letters & make a further delay of weeks.
Our stay here has been most delight-
ful. The first few days were cold but
for the latter part of the time more genial

2^{temperature}
with glorious sunshine, lovely moonlight
& none of the rushing hurry we have
had in Europe. Here too every thing
around interests papa so that he is pro-
ceeding his researches in the heat of spirits.
Several of our letters of introduction have
brought forth good fruit, both as
aids of your father & giving us all a
little opportunity of being English military
society as it compacts itself in Cairo.
Last night we went to an "at home"
at Sir Evelyn & Lady Baring's. The company
was almost all military. We knew only
Col. & Mrs. Moncrieff - a Col. Bureau, whom
we had previously ^{met} at dinner at Col. Ardagh's
& about a dozen others we knew by sight
as they are at this place. However we
looked upon it as a sight & the rooms
were decorated in such a novel way, with
festoons & bits of drapery of richest silks & em-
eries

3 hung on the walls
with a broad band of peacock's feathers
forming the upper part of the dado of the
principal drawing room. Good Eastern seats
& chairs - ornaments chiefly from India, com-
prising whole tables of silver work, military
gifts & trappings so that we were fully
occupied, entertained & gratified. Another
gentleman, Mr. Hoake, who called upon us
has been most kind & useful. He is a
nephew of Sir Joseph Hoake & was in Canada
for four years as an assistant teacher in
Lennoxville & other schools. Since that time
he seems to have been in many lands & now
has a government office here. A photo. & short
sketch of his life appeared in one of the late
numbers of the Graphic in account of his
having been awarded a gold medal by the
Queen, for his humane & valuable services
during the Cholera. He has been five years
in the country & knows Arabic. He spent
a half day with Eva & me visiting Heliopolis
from which place Joseph got his wife. -

daughter of a priest of Or, where also Moses
 received his education. The Virgin's tree, above
 two miles distant, also came into this excursion
 but ^{as I had not believed it had value for us at the time} had no charm for me; but two things
 in the same garden did interest me - a
 pretty young Egyptian mother with a sickly
 looking baby of about sixteen months, having
 four little teeth in the upper jaw & four below
 & being fed with nuts - one after another
 put into the four little mouths. Oranges
 were hanging on the trees by thousands &
 dates are very where abundant, but this
 was only one example of the ignorance
 of the people. Infant mortality is unprecedented
 here & disease of the eyes so general that
 I think perhaps a fifth of the grown up men
 are either blind or have only one eye.
^{I have never seen} the ^{the} comparatively few women for a long
 the lowest class walk about & the most of
 even these wear the black veil which hangs
 from about the lip of their noses & reaches
 from an ornamented thing like an eye-glass

Placed in the middle of the forehead
 between the eyes, which unless one gets a full
 face view prevents one seeing both eyes.
 The other of the two things which interested
 me was a living Spring of water the only
 one in a large district of Country & very ancient
 so that it is not improbable that the notables
 of two or three thousand years back did
 drink of its waters. A sight somewhat pos-
 sible to those that usually occupy no most
 interests us - a large ostrich farm where
 we saw the birds from six days old
 to as many years. It was altogether a most
 enjoyable afternoon - as we drove back
 to the City we passed the encampments
 of the Nubians - the Negroes - the Bashi-Baz-
 ouks & the Egyptians but the latter are in
 harness. The road was shaded by fine
 acacias & lycamians the Sun was setting
 in a high cloudless glow & with the domes
 minarets, palms, Cornels & dorkays made up
 in its finest combination an Eastern picture

fornications through life from flat surfaces
 had a totally different thing when lived in,
 details reaching one through every sense.

As usual I am ^{writing} disconnectedly to her. The
 one long paper has been off on a three-
 days excursion to the Red Sea & its neighbour-
 hood — the Land of Gash. & it was on
 Thursday the first of these that we had Mr
 Mackie's cart. yesterday — Sat — he took us
 to the bazaars — The real Fezzan bazaars
 crowded & narrow so that literally when
 a cart entered ^{the narrow street} we had to step into one
 of the bazaars or we ran a close chance of
 having our toes crushed, as to donkeys they
 are part of the general mass & with them
 one jostles along as the inevitable. You
 have often read descriptions of these scenes
 so assuming you have a picture before
 you I will tell you a little of our per-
 sonal experience. Early in our hitch attracted
 by a man embroidering in gold. Watched
 him till now I know exactly how to do the kind
 he was working. Wished much to know the

Cost of the gold thread & to purchase if reas-
 onable, but knowing the time that such ne-
 gotiations take, at this early stage of our visit
 I felt they to give Mr. D. trouble. All these
 divisions were busy working upon robes, waist-
 coats & men's garments generally. But as we
 proceeded we next halted at the hall of Copper
 Smiths part. There we saw that engraved kind
 of brass-work Bernard admired so much in
 trays he saw some two years ago. I tried to give
 one suitable for a Card-tray without suc-
 cess but after going from one to another
 of the little shop-like shops we got a very fine
 example of embossed brass-work, of all-
 workmanship & fit to use as a flowerpot
 case. This occupied quite half an hour. Next
 Amber-hands were our study as Mr. W. wanted
 some to send to his sister. A single thing
 they asked forty three pence for & no satisfactory
 conclusion could be reached. The seller was
 most gracious, says that we did not leave
 but stay & drink Coffee with him but we
 declined & proceeded to the Carpet division whi-

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is in a Court, but pushing & its difficulties
looms up distinctly to me as I look around
& retreat into the narrow way where spices &
perfumies are sold. In the silver part a queer
old Turk rushed out saying, in good English,
"I far-away-makes" - "Mark Twain writes about me"
"walk in, take seats. I show you new patterns." We
had several chairs & a small table so we sat
down & he brought two pieces of cloth each
knatted at the corners & holding half a peck or
so of silver belts, bracelets & necklets wh: he tumbled
out on the table. I asked the price of a
bracelet on wh: he produced his scales weighed
it & added so much for the workmanship,
the only instance of anything like fair trade
we have seen, but I did not care to spend
money on such ware so after a few friendly
words again departed, making one more
purchase a kind of scarf embroidered with
gold coloured silk wh: I do go the wife trim
a dress with. Lunch have had come so
we entered our carriage, wh: had to
wait at the entrance to these very narrow ways,

I drive back to our hotel more tired
 with the excitement of jostling than on
 any other day we have been here. You
 cannot hardly imagine how these beggars
 & indeed all the City proper teem with men
 & donkeys. Camels stalk into the melas occasion-
 ally, with their noses suspiciously thrown
 aloft & Carriages in the haunter streets, often
 with elegantly dressed out rammers shouting
 gallah! gallah! or something near that &
 tak: I am told means, "out of the way", or
 "mind your legs".

We have seen gorgeous palaces built
 by the deposed Rulers who have a
 mania for building them. Dilapidated
 mosques, for the rule is never to repair
 anything. So unless the building be almost
 new it is sure to look & to smell of decay.
 We have been twice to Miss Whately's
 Mission School where she is educating

about five hundred Coptic Egyptian girls.
We have also seen a Coptic boys school
where five hundred or fifty boys are getting
a good education & I had to get to see an
Arabic school, near our hotel, by quick-
ly opening the door & getting a peep before
they take me & am not allowed to go in.
In short we believe we have seen
almost all the usual sights & a few un-
usual ones & have had time to become
familiar with the strange people
we are among & we will have many
things to tell you about them and we
live to meet again. How home things
seem dim & distant but the time is
passing, half of our intended absence
is past. Could I only have a peep through
some door & know that you & all my
loved ones were happy not one having
a care more because of our absence it

would be an added pleasure but I am too fully & pleasantly engaged at present to dwell upon these matters or to conjure up fears that make me sad.

The number of passengers that a Nile boat accommodates is two dozen & the one we go in is full. We have made the acquaintance of a Mr & Mrs Halder - very pleasant, wealthy English people who are going, also a Mr & Mrs Allison & a Miss Clarkson, some relation of theirs, who appear to us, on slight acquaintance, rather un-
 gas but good natured people. These are here in the hotel & are ~~at~~ we have seen of our fellow passengers. I must close for the present & as this does not need to be mailed till tomorrow I may add a word more especially if we should be so happy as to receive letters. Monday 14th

We have just ascertained that a mail is due here tomorrow evg & we leave in

the morning which is a great disappointment
 we have arranged with our fellow pas-
 sengers, named before, to have their ~~or our~~
 letters made up into a parcel & sent by the
 first ^{mail} steamer which will overtake us sooner
 or later, so as to stop at all the places of inter-
 est & the rest of our donkeys for longer or
 shorter times. Our friends here do not anticipate
 there will be any special changes
 in going up the Nile. At present we are
 going to Palestine & is in debate because many
 troublesome & costly quarantine regulations
 are still in force in passing out of Egypt.
 There has now been no new case of cholera
 for eighteen days & all interests are very hope-
 ful that the quarantine will soon be
 removed. But it be in force on our return.
 There is still the nuisance of crossing the Desert on
 Camels but it fears me that my old horse will be
 left in the Desert. but as I also have the sea-stead

comes pretty near the proverb "between the devil & the deep sea". I had intended
 to write of Mr. G. Hill & other things but I must now pack as pa-
 & Eva are already hard at work, with the view to go to B. & Dr. Matthews