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"WILLIAM OSLER. LETTERS FROM EGYPT."

27 holograph letters to his wife, from Egypt,
Naples and Rome, 10 Feb. to 29 March, 1911.

Bound for, and presented by, Lady Osler's
sister, Mrs. H. B. Chapin, in 1932.

← Baroudi (stopping to pray?), W. O. & Sir
Edmund Osler. "Our dragoman is a fine old Arab,
full of humour. 'Me', he says, 'I have my Koran,
my cold water, my cigarette and my home.' He
knows everything and manages the boat like a
first-class hotel" (Letter to H. M. Thomas,
"Life", ii, 266).

This picture was sent in 1946 by Sir
E. B. O.'s daughter, Mrs. Matthews ("Amo") who
was of the party.

For the FIRST two letters see those misnumbered
on leaves 60 verso & 61 verso,
20 and 21, dated from Cairo, "Friday a.m."
[10 Feb.], and "Monday 13th" [Feb.], and both
written BEFORE the Nile trip. W. W. F.

See leaves 60 verso to 62 recto.

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Brassat. 9.

I went to the Museum again this am. for a couple of hours & had a nice chat with Burgess Rej the asst. Director. After lunch we packed our things and at 2³⁰ went off in Shepherd's Motor to the Dakhia (as Sandwith spells it) I am just furious that you are not here & I have had no one to squeeze. - I cannot squeeze my blood relations - Clive B. is too thin. Cooks boats are all on one side of the river. James Ross was next to ~~them~~ and they got aboard about the same time. Such luxury & convenience. An open deck in front - quite large as you will see by the plan, behind which is a dining room and then a comfortable sitting room. Below 8 cabins - one a big double bedded, which the Walkers have

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rd at 11 and I went crazy as usual about 11:15. Oct 2. The morning clothes
 out on a mud-slope of the father hole & the men were pulling up the
 duff. We started on line. We have a bag my L to a of stream - to 500
 hole to caisson. Underfoot dry - sick condition. 68° in the dirt, ice
 in the wind. Paranoia runs at the time - green stuff - acids &
 the doctor has told 1 to drink. Every few weeks mud stops under
 sunny hole failure. Good deal of business in the mine - stone - 200m some
 down & the bedrock has one sharp in sight. Cannot do most of the
 carrying & long stumps of them are my sticking and common object in the
 sky line. The pipe. And - will continue in use when engine stop. Perhaps
 hours when the will be pulled

1916 Just a chance to put on water this am
 when we have been up

Kennedy

from me

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be very irregular so I will wire at least
once a week to keep you in touch. Corb
will read in any cables. I sent a wire
today. Such a nice letter from R. - it seems
that he must be making progress - E. V. was
delighted with the letter. Do have May
& Hans, to stay over Sunday. What a pity
you had so much worry with that meeting
I dare say Parlier was glad of a quiet one
Do what you think best about a nurse
I cannot make out whether the Canon
has Emphysema or Encephaloma - both
bad. I do hope Warren will get the
Professorship tomorrow. It would be
a most ungracious thing not to give
it after all the time & labor he has
given to the University. I am afraid
the man on this side has not the keen
sense of gratitude which is such a nice
feature in American & Canada. I think
how I experienced it!

16th 12 am. We tied up at 7 last night,
dressed in fogs & secured her to the bands
bow & stern. Stormy night! They tie in
with canvas the open parts - so as to
keep people away. Very quiet all night
such empty beds. The electric light went

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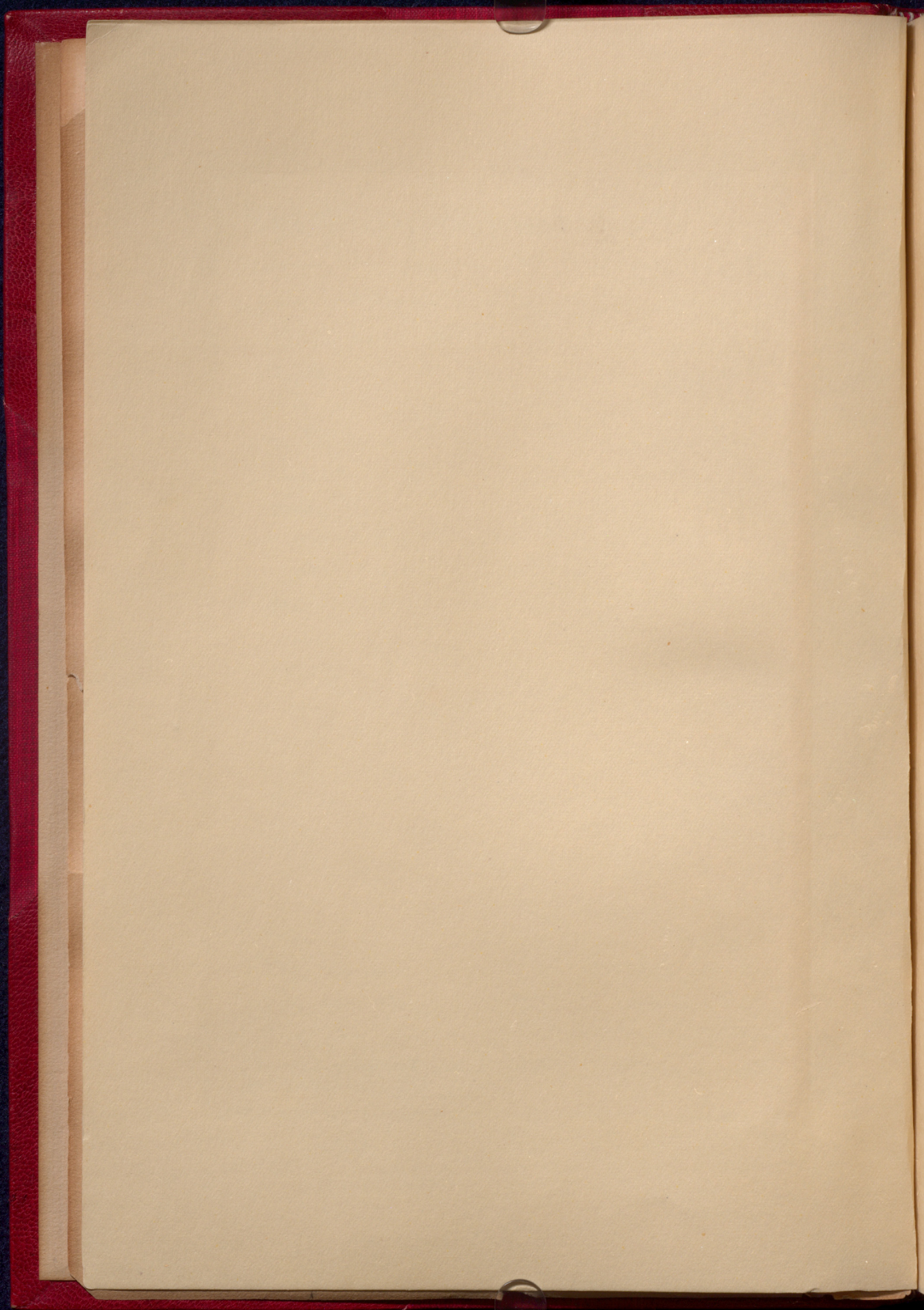
See leaves

Electric light everywhere - baths & W.C. &c
There is a crew of 30. The Capt. is Rameses
CXII, at least; he has a face so exactly like
the superb Mummy of Rameses II (3000 B.C.)
& about the same amount of flesh in his
face. We have gone about 10 miles
we have just come to a halt & tied
up to a peg in the Nile mud. The
river is like the Nile, full of shallows
& sand banks. The sail boats are
fascinating & they have the same shape,
prow & sail, as shown in the old wall
paintings of 2000-3000 B.C. Flats on
either side & then rocky & sandy hills &
beyond the desert. Perfectly fascinating
else - only one regret!

and I am heartbroken to hear of John
Munsee. Cuthbert's man came with your
letter as we were in the point of leaving
It is too sad. I will write at once. He
wrote in good spirits about 2 weeks ago
I am afraid it is Arsenical disease -
it is in his family body & he has been
in an awful strain for years or much
more than he appreciated or would
compare to himself. The mails will
be kept until at least 10 days

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24th. Wonderful day. just

at night. We left at about

midday. Number 1

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March 5. I set off yesterday letter at Asua where we stopped for a few minutes to send a wire to Cairo. I was up at 8:30 waiting for my coffee when Savonchi, the Professor asked if I wished to send anything. As we have no stop at marshing stations for 3 days I hurriedly finished it, as I am afraid from this time on my letters will be rather irregular. Another day full of interest - a continual passage - constant changes near the valley narrow, the rocky ridges come so close that on one side there is only a narrow strip a few yards even, fit for cultivation & then to ridges to six or eight miles. The west bank above Fayoum is the most fertile & we have passed miles of young crops, wheat & barley, beans, onions, tomatoes &c. We stopped for half an hour yesterday for horses - had a good walk along a sandy beach, and went on a locusts patch, the river of which are all protected by low dikes from the sand. To day has not been so pleasant, a cold west wind with a fine lead of dust, as we passed sandy

Had my fur coat all day. At 10 am we
 came upon a cork & brass boat stuck fast in
 the mud - had been there all night. We
 offered help & sent a boat on with a tow
 but we could not budge her. While we were
 lugging 3 four rudder cog boats so that
 the wheel could not turn. Nothing for it
 but to cast anchor & at least the engineer
 went 3 pm to mend it. A big Kamesse
 the pilot of our own boat came down but we
 refused to help as it was so shallow & the
 water so fresh. This eve has been glorious
 never more beautiful and great stretches of green
 between it & the sand, & rock. His seven
 witch dolls were a just going to tea. I
 have finished Belle's drama. There are no such
 bad women! Try a label. Our pastor is
 delighted. Ann & Elsie are reading up for
 tomorrow of course. EBO & Ernest are playing
 cards, Wilhelmina is reading. - only a vacant
 place! but I do so wish you & the ladies
 were here.

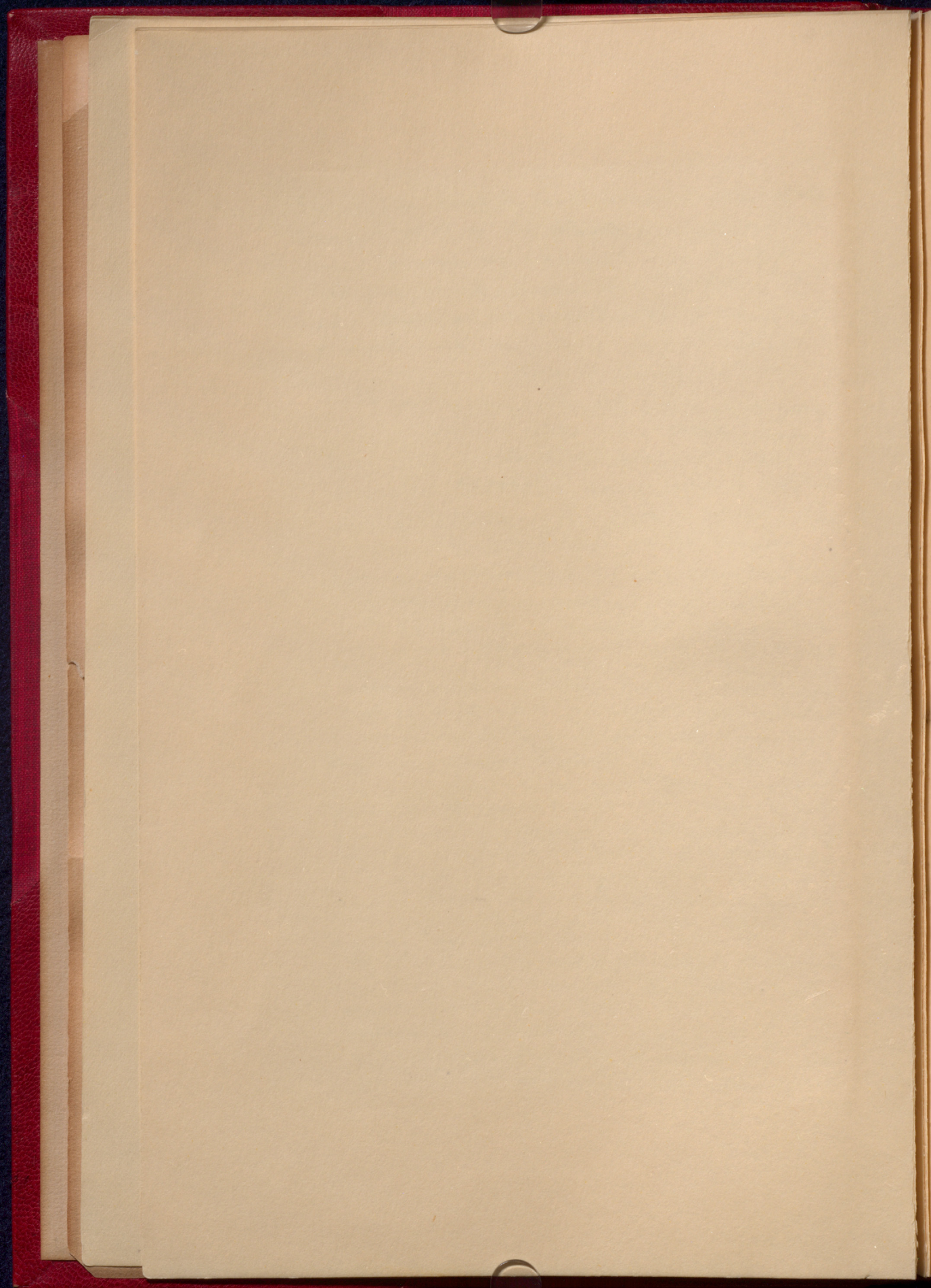
Sunday 19th. More so after today. Such a
 time. We had breakfast early and left Kei-
 Haseu (where we had tied up for the night) for
 the big rock limits. I wish you could have seen us
 start, all on durbles - of all ages & colours. Bar-
 ondi the big dragonman with his feet almost touching
 the ground. We rode about 2 1/2 miles thro' just a
 mud valley, then thro' fields of young wheat, onions
 & peach beans in flower, & then to the desert. At
 the foot of the mountains we left the durbles & had
 a stiff climb to where about half way up are
 hundreds of limits, hewn out of the solid rock.

places. The boat is ²not luxurious. The bath
reminds me of the old Hlygskull - about the
same sea-scurvy unscented. We left
when we got up, I about 8¹⁰ the others 9 &
10. Lunch at one & dinner at 7³⁰. The cost
is at least only we have to protest against
so many things to eat. I wish you were
here to taste the cable for tea - you, you!
I wish I had a stove and some. I am
very with Galles Budge "in Egypt" & have
purchased Herodotus & some books in Hitchin
Belle Dame. The jiggle is normal - more
anxiety when we tie up for the night.

7 pm. We have tied up at a desert island
& have been out for a walk in a sand storm.
Yesterday when the T. reached 70 I was glad you
were not here & today you would loathe the stony road
and the sand which gets into everything. Still you would
be charmed with many things. There are about 30 people
arab &c on the boat - an arab & a Capt. wait at table
& have an understudy who fetches the things. The
Dragonman Ahmed Barouchi is a Mohammedan
a big busy fellow who has been to Mecca & is no end
of a swell. He speaks English well & knows the river
he carries a string of 90 beads on which he says his prayers
but I am sorry he does not keep the fine beaded programme
which we see many carrying out on the shore. It
is a great religion - no wonder it thrives. I forgot my
Koran, unfortunately but a Mr Pearson who joins us in
a few days has got one.

8th (Saturday) The wind fell about 10 pm but
it was over everything - beautiful night on the sand bar
island. Off at 7. Where what a change! Bright
clear sky. T 58° this morning at 7. was
44° when I got up at 8³⁰ and such a wind cutting
but hot in the sun. I had had a pleasant shock

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20th 1911

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Dearest G.

I am glad you are
not here. T. 5 A up this afternoon
105° in ~~shade~~^{sun} about 76° in shade
we shall get it hot I am sure, but
it was cool in the woods. We stay
here the night. - quite a big town
the only one up the river, 40,000, &
many fine buildings. Her Excellency
the Pasha Suleiman at Aboung
A. L. Smith's friend has just sent
me of his wife to say that he will
expect us tomorrow. It will be
interesting to see one of the native
Mees. The Am. Presb. Mission has
a big college here 700 students, &
a Hospital which I shall visit

Account

as "SRTI."

20th 1911



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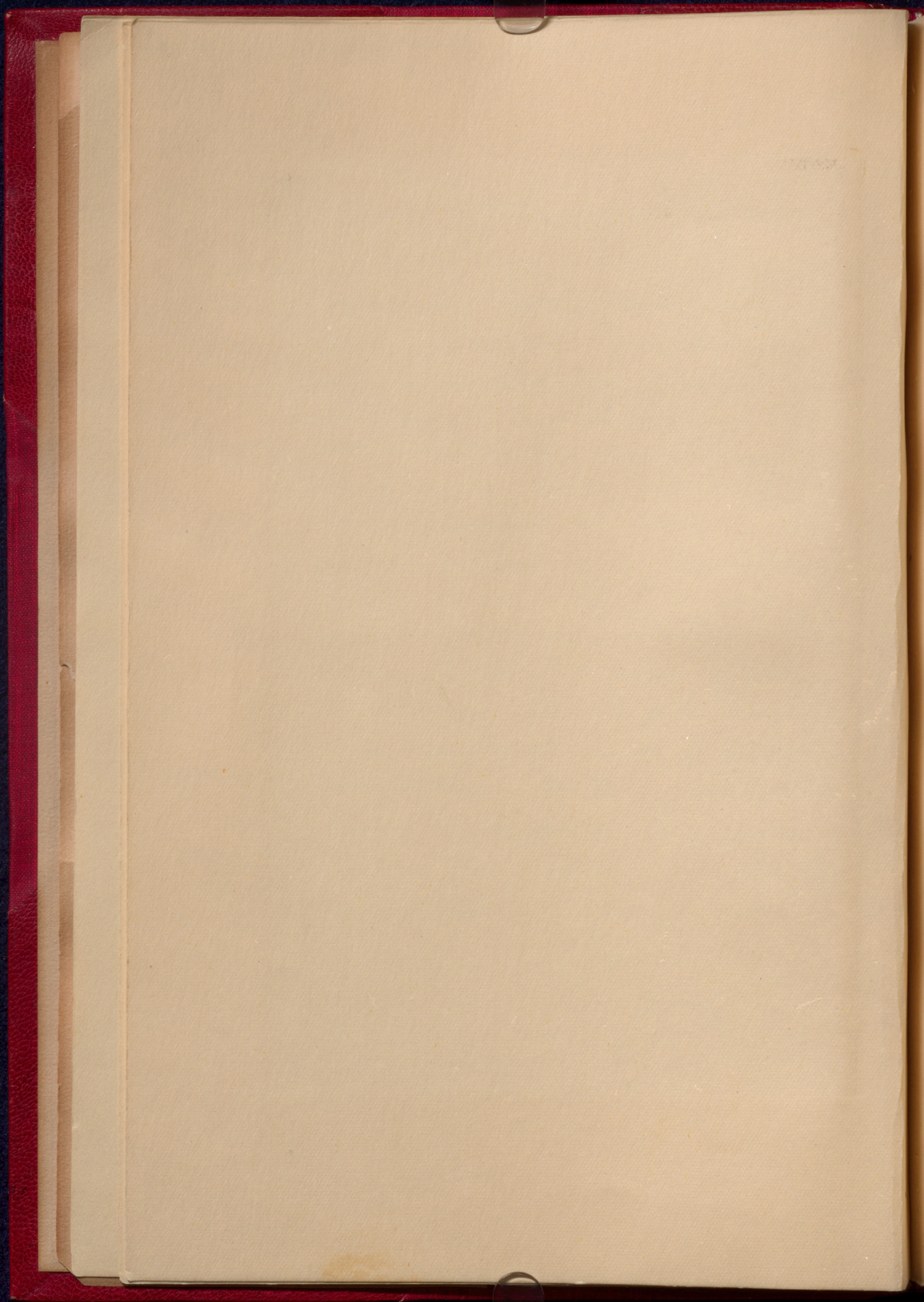
tomorrow. You will get no letters
for some days - 4 or 5 - to Luxor
our next stopping place. The dam
here is splendid - across the Nile -
solid stone work - great arches. Every-
where signs of English influence. Even
here many signs in English & we
spoke to a boy with his school books &
he knew English very well. Marvellous
the change here - such prosperity every-
where. They have the three great
staples of the world wheat, cotton &
sugar. We passed a dozen big sugar
mills today. Splendid flats green with
crops. And on the banks of mud they
were putting in melon & cucumber
seeds. I will ~~not~~ write from Luxor
or somewhere en route you shall hear
a post office

Yours,
G. O.

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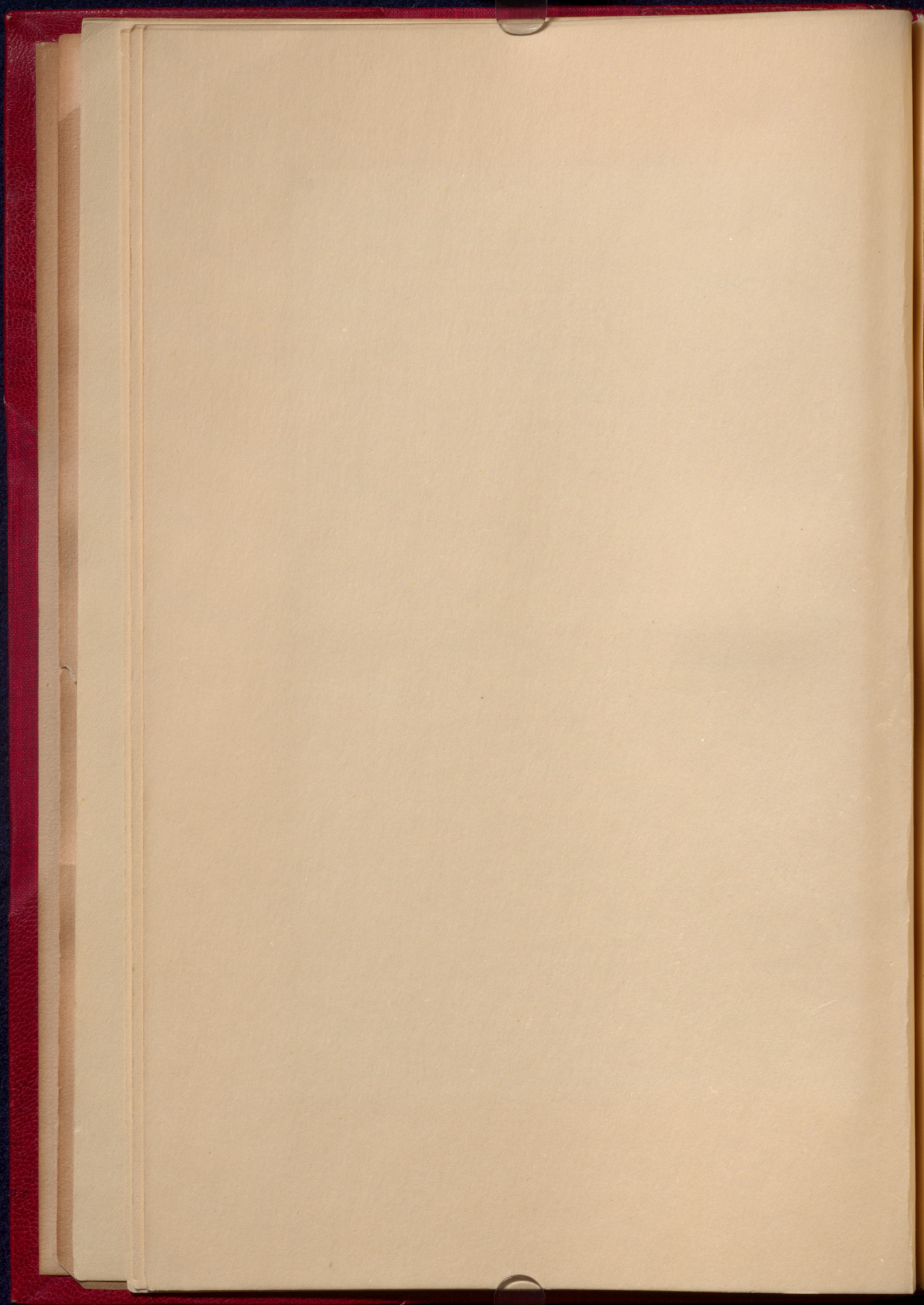
Feb 22nd 1911

Dearest F.

I got letters off at Addis where we had a great day. The party went off to see Coumb - as usual, while I went to the American Mission Hospital, (Proustytanai) where I had a very hearty welcome. Sister Dorcas, in charge, is from Philadelphia & began work with Kelly when he was in Kennington, an energetic, fine woman who has been here for 14 years. Grant the Surgeon in charge is a Canadian with three assistants - they do very good work treating about 20,000 cases a year! I had tea with them all at 10 am (what Boston Brown Bread!) Very hard work for them all, particularly in the summer when the T. reaches 100°-105° and for weeks is not below 80° at night, but it is dry, I could not resist leaving \$50 - to help make any of them more comfortable. They get comforts chiefly from the Capt.

It was hot as Hades - I am glad you were not there. We then dressed for dinner and at 7 the candle-lights of dainties arrived to take us to the house again. My dog was very friendly & insisted on taking me down a small staircase & as my table was sliding I hesitated whether to go over his head or slip off with the saddle but an extra man came to our rescue & I escaped. The court-yard was lined with men & anything number of servants were in the hall and rooms, most of them in white. I had to do the talking thru the interpreter. He wished us to stay over for another day & lunch & dine again, we had hard work to get out of it as he was so insistent. His son disappeared after welcoming us. After about ten minutes we were taken into dinner, the P. leading with arms & Alice, his Dickson's young son who spoke a little English joined us. He & I escaped ourselves from sitting down as he was under Dutch orders but I think the truth is that neither he nor his sons could eat European style - I such a dinner! Table covered with fruit (of the ordinary European) soups, fish, 4 cups of rice & 4 of sweets - a delicious salad & then fruit & coffee. I had never eaten Guava (fruit) before, very good. Meanwhile the old man perambulated the room with a string of 33 amber beads in his hand

They make that - pretty ^{little} work
covered with metal - like the one you had,
and I bought some for you for presents -
very cheap! A L Smith's friend Mahmud
Pasha Sulliman, of about 50 sent his
factotum to assist to greet us & arrange
for our visit so at 12 we took him
aboard & started up the river 15 miles. He
lives on the bank opposite the town &
shortly after we tied up he came riding
on an ass with a gathering of men & don-
keys to take us to the house for tea. The
house is a big modern place with great
high rooms, rather tastefully furnished as
they do not allow pictures. The Pasha
is a tall elderly man who greeted us
very warmly, but it was hard work to carry
on a conversation thro an interpreter.
The tea was good - coffee & ~~sweetened~~ fruit.
Beautiful gardens - a big new one being put
in order. After tea his son, a big fellow
dressed in arabic costume (the father had
donned European clothes in our honor) took
us across the river to see the Manual
Training school, which the Pasha started
8 years ago & which the young man who
met us is the director. 100 boys at work
making, carpentering, metal work &
casting. Excellent place. We had the greatest
difficulty in getting away without samples
from each shop. I had to take a dash
for you. The P. has a big house and garden
near the workshop & we plucked delicious
oranges as we went thro. I sent a
wire of greeting from the P. to A L Smith





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were barking, and as we turned the corner it looked a motley group, at the landing the villagers were in full force and there were many boats with their crews. The Pascha had loaded three or four men with supplies, sheep - one above - chickens in a big crate, oranges and sugar cane. He had sent down dinner & sugar cane for the crew. Altogether it was an interesting experience & ~~that~~ all enjoyed the day immensely. Our Draftsman said in the morning "Pascha him very good man best man between Assuan & Alexandria we send ut big prayer for him. This morning the keep two lamps always alight at Mecca with two Eunuchs to attend them. He get up every morning at 4 and say prayer till six. Many good men in Egypt, many rich men but no man rich & holy but the Pascha". I have written to a friend to say how much we enjoyed his friend. Two of the P's were at Bahari. We must see them.

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is sure to be there. Wonderful facade! and
 on the back wall - a huge surface among
 the figures is our old friend Cleobatra &
 her little son. The temple covers an area equal
 to Winchester Cathedral and there is not
 an inch inside or outside without
 inscriptions. Even the crypts - scores of them -
 are superbly decorated. It gives one an
 immense respect for these old chaps.

We got back to the boat at 1. & have had
 a splendid day on the river. T. 70° but
 the air crisp. Splendid cultivation to the
 water edge & a new feature - the poppy
 fields, grown for the Opium. We have
 just reached Luxor - hundred Gated
 Thebes of old with the Great Karnak
 Temples on one side and the Tombs of
 the Kings on the other. We shall be
 here three or four days as there is
 much to see. I sent you a wire at once
 Your letter was just come. Is it not too
 bad about Billy & Marion. I had O. letter
 of Cairn. So glad you had such a nice
 trip, but I feel so hurried to be off here alone.
 I fear tho, you would have found your old
 enemy the sun too much - he begins to pipe up!
 Yours W

Glorious day - no stop. Started at 6 am
 so as to get thru a Railway bridge about

1. Much warmer - but cool in the breeze.
 I am Arab. but already. I wish you
 could see our Capt. (Ramezes CCX+) at
 his prayers in the eve, (on his cot for
 a mat) on deck near the bow. It is really
 very impressive. Awd to see the men in
 the shore at sunset. 'Tis a great religion. Did
 I tell you I dreamt it had been introduced
 into ch. ch? We have spent up for the
 night at Denderah & at 8 am start off
 for our first big temple (Good night:
 wrong note - all will be well. W.D.)

24th Heavens! what a day! At 9 we
 started on donkeys for the great Temple
 at Denderah. rebuilt largely by the Nubians
 and practically perfect. It had been for centuries
 buried in sand & rubble and a big village
 built in top of it! They have cleared it
 completely but it lies in a valley surrounded
 by great mounds of bricks & broken pots!
 'Tis dedicated to Hathor - the Egyptian
 God of love & mother of her. Such columns!
 and carvings & inscriptions! See it up
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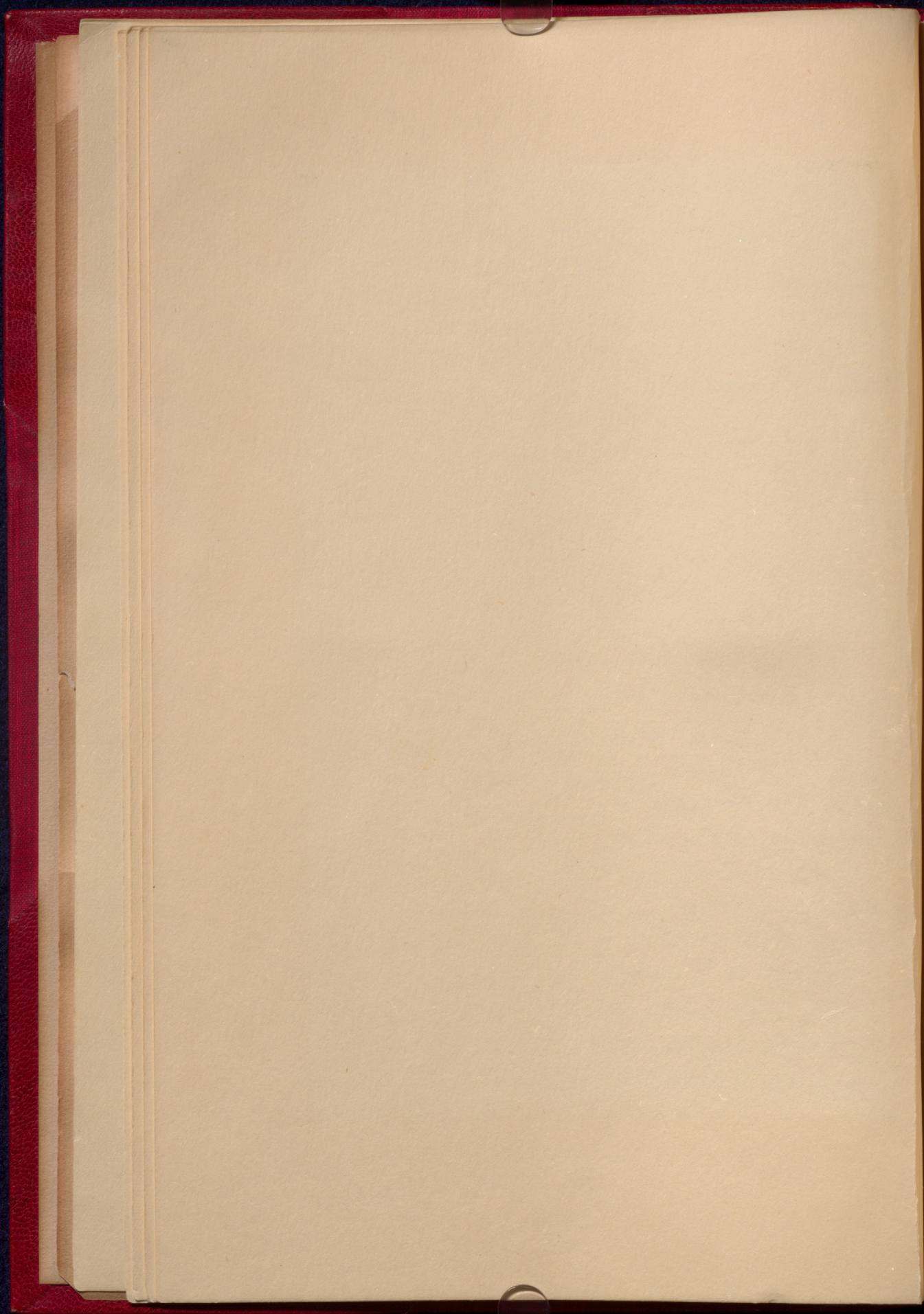
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S.S. "SETI,"



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We tied up on a mud-bank here in line with a score of private dahabeas - luckily the current is swift, for the sake of the draught. Tomorrow we shall go across the river as it is quieter. After dinner I had to go to the Ross's boat as the old man has been ill - looks badly. He never should have left home. This is the site of ancient Thebes & has the most famous ruins of Egypt. The tombs of the Kings are in the mountains across the river and by & am, there were hundreds of donkeys, lined up on the shore waiting for the tourists. There of Cuth's boats are in so today & tomorrow there will be crowds. The tombs are about 8 miles. We shall have a carriage and donkeys. so as to make it easy

nest - because when the irresistible Harwood's had a splendid lunch.
The bungalow is under the old tin ga shed facade, high at 20 ft
There is a superb view over the wide valley. It has superb natural
scenery showing the bays & disjuncts from the 1892 century stream
\$1500 in Warren here have this spread - done in Harwood's Room &
colored. In the new Egyptology section also Toronto Union Museum
Get back fully west at 5 pm. Had your collection of 1892 1715. It's
so nice to hear of Harwood's section. I had sent at once. To Harwood 1892
Here should be top hills - do not buy the big one till I get back - pay
every small bill! I fear we are in for the best. and a fair on 3
more - Harwood's! I am not buying anything - Search for R. a new
Harwood's is running fast

Yours

No.

good hearted, humorous fellow. He says I have
 three things. "I drink water, I smoke cigarettes
 & I have a home" he has only one wife, tho.
 a good Muslim & has been to Mecca, I dined
 at the hotel with the Hales - he is far from well.
 The Minton barrens were there. - the daughter
 such a sweet girl. Several old Am. patients
 James Ross is not so well. - pericarditis.

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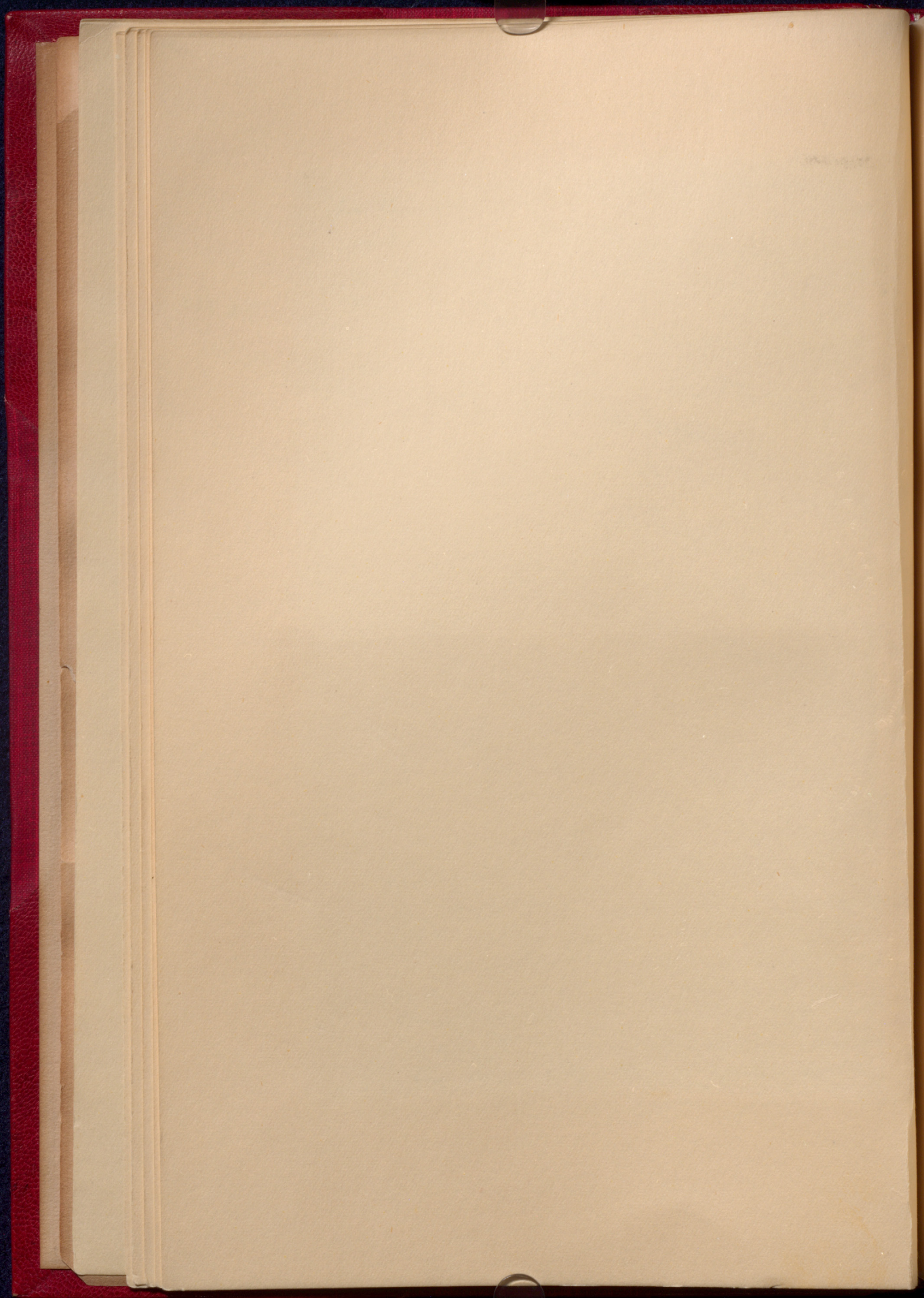
6 pm. I am speechless. It is no good telling
 of the contents of the things - they pass all
 description - but you would have died
 several deaths. T. got up to 83°. We had
 an 8 mile trip. all roads doubly hot
 W. who had a carriage, & B. & I rode
 home with me but the girls rode both
 ways. Sand, sand Sand!! & dust galore
 Such decorations - beautiful colours & some
 of the walls untempered. In Amnucophis!!
 the mummy is in its position! & you
 look down upon the actual painted
 face of one of the greatest Kings who lived
 nearly 1600 B.C. & who built the important
 part of the Karnak temple. We saw only
 3 tombs - there are 47! You go down
 down, down passage, & into the tube, all
 descended a thin side chamber & about
 500-600 feet down - in the solid three
 stone the chamber for the coffin
 We then had a long hot drive to one
 of the temples a near by area with a view

for the old people. I staid the ²decentral
ride very well - the easy amble of the beasts
is not bad but the trot is very jolty and
may shake out a pebble - but I hope not.
The Hales are here - poor fellow not yet
well. I had a petuous letter from Mrs H.
I am going to dine with them tonight.
Port. Rolls (aviator) father, deatabela -
next to us - English flag prevail. The
Davis boat is in the opposite bank.
Shall get p.c. in after tea and send.
Mother R. Sue & others. So sorry to miss
May & Harry.

26. 10 9³⁰ - Such an afternoon at the Temple of

Karnak - acres, hundreds of them, covered with
the ruins - part in good preservation & there
are some 118 columns 53 ft each in circumference
than in these huge courts - built by Thutmose for
Kings in the 15th cent. B.C. The figures are of
Sphinxes leads to the gate of the first one from
the river and another are to deities. Heaven
what a place it must have been. There is
nothing to be compared with it built by
human hands. St. Peter's could go in one
section. At 5. we were pretty tired & as
we got to the end of the 3rd court, Baroudi
the Dragoon said in his jolting way "how
much backache for a cup of tea?" and then
in a table in a nice shady corner was the
tea all ready. He is a bruiser - such a

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Dear Sir,

We were all tired last night after our visit to the tombs of 'the Kings' I wish you could see that old man, Amenophis ^{III} peacefully at rest when he was put about 1500 B.C. the only one of all the Kings who "stays put" ~~here~~ deserves it - great man & a great builder. Hot as hades again today 78° at 9 am. You were right, this is no place for you. It is cool enough at night if you get into a Khamsin - the hot desert storm would be the end. The photos I sent last eve will give you an idea of the boat & the arrangements. And tell them. There are at least ten clabbers lined up near us - fortunately the current is rapid - all the drainage goes into the river. Poor Mr Ross is not



as "SRTI"

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is better. The gardens here are fine - good
roses, Magnolias, &c in full bloom and
superb masses of yonellia. (1) that deep blue
small flower. Germana together. - The hotel
full of them. I got a mounted beetle - the
second one - & a beautiful mounted food
for Keren & a scarab. I have sent him
h.c. occasionally. & many friends, 24
the past few days. Off in the morning
no letters till Assouan 13 days hence.

28th 8³⁰ - Wandering for my 1st boat
Nile 4 per cent last night. It had been
very sultry all day. & at 4¹⁵ a regular Khamsin
the sand storm, but at 10³⁰ it began to blow
a regular hurricane and for about an hour
we did not know whether our ropes would
hold. Fortunately we were in the windward
side & it drove us into the bank. I was dead
and the waves raised a spray like rain.
I see this am that the boats are all right
Fortunately I did not land long all over in
an hour & we have had a great night
Off at 10 am - up stream to see edpa one
the best of the temples. Holcher's spell
of Egypt. is splendid.

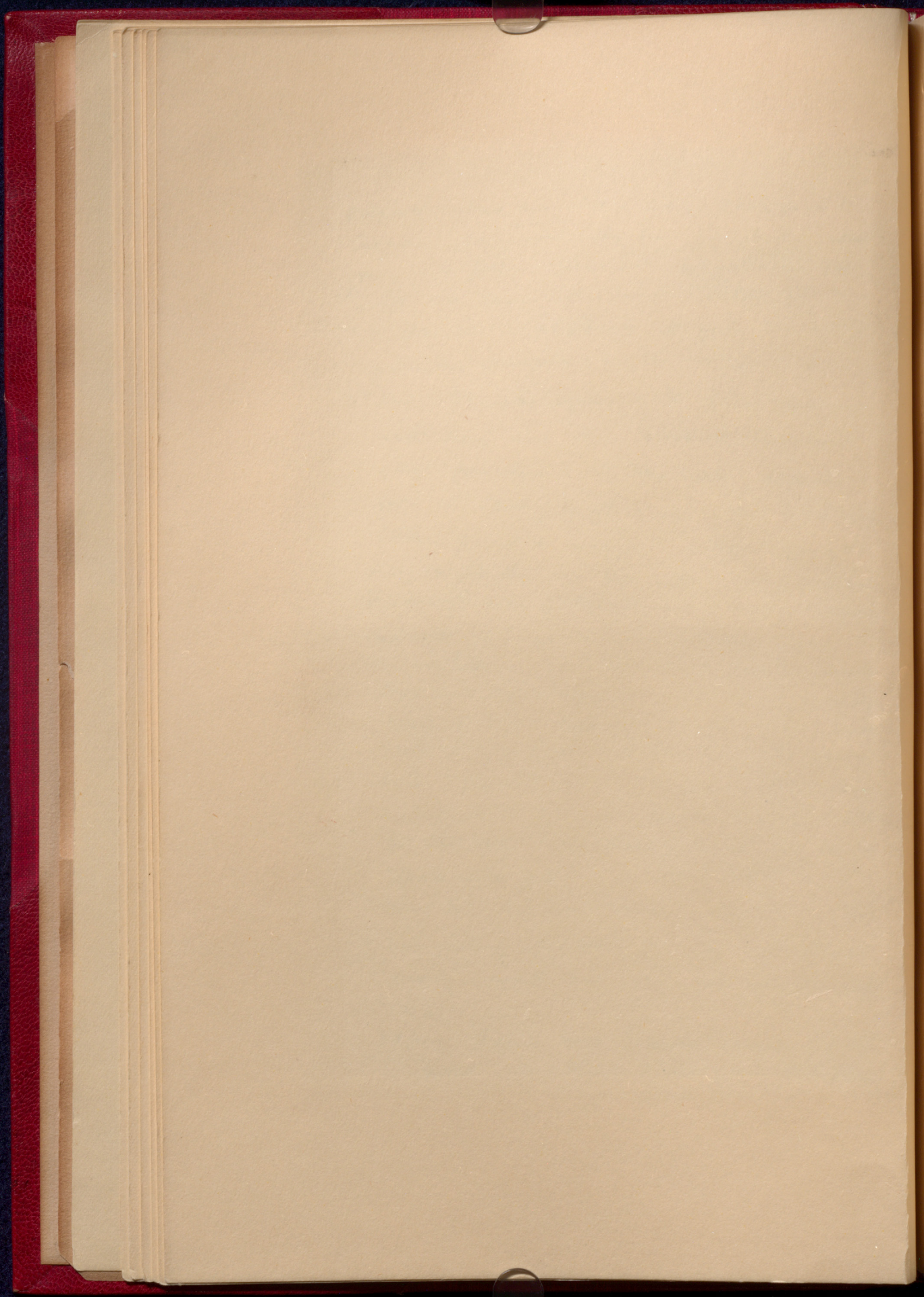
From Lewis
- Gordon

4 o'clock. I see him every day. They go on to
Asuan tomorrow. He has his doctor, and
very nice fellow Kendall who knows Joe
well. We leave tomorrow - takes 2 1/2 days
to Asuan - stopping to see one or two
famous temples on the way.

5 pm. Temples again - the place swarms
with them and it is hard to keep track
of the founders of the dynasties. Helwan
with the Shell ghyll is delightful and very
fine. Count de Lesseps - youngest son of the
Suez Canal Co. - & his wife - one of William
Mackenzie's sons of Toronto are coming to dinner.
We met them yesterday at the bank. I can
scarcely believe I have been away nearly a month.
Poor dear I am afraid you have been horribly
lonely at times. I ought to have the nurse. I will
write to Miss Watt. What a sad time she has
had - curious case. This pm a Khamsini
had come in from the desert - it is a yellow
fog like air but instead of mist it is sand.
Eyes & nose full - you would loathe it at
about 80°. We leave Cairo on the 22nd - the
only sailing we could get. So we shall have
nearly a week here after our return on the
13th

10 pm. I saw Mrs. Maudie Warron at the
Hotel - as I think I told you. Her door

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Eena



S.S. "SETI,"

March 1st. 1911

Dearst &

A month away! What a torment! I am afraid you have found it pretty dull, but I hope it a bit I shall be back soon. Very glad to have your letter yesterday, just as we were leaving. I am afraid the correspondence is worrying. I hope there are no communicating letters! We have had up for the night here - a charming town with an old Temple of the 2nd cent. B.C., which we are to see this morning. Here was the centre of the worship of a Nile fish the Calos, I hope perhaps to get a mummy of it for Revue. We are 100 miles from Assuan & should reach there tomorrow eve. Only one stop at the famous temple Edfu

"but thole* it a bit"

* W.O. adopted this from the old Scotch nurse, Helen Innes (still alive, 1935) in our (Francis) family in Montreal 1870-84.
W.W.F.

That I've been good weather. Many & George I'm in at night.
I shall hurry thro, tho I must stop a day in Rome. Expect me
by the first. It has been a wonderful holiday. I wanted and have
arrived in for a great deal - only we backback. The boat's perfect!
Poor Mrs. Pratt! I've seen afraid she has had a bad time. I think
I've got a good reason. I shall name your coloring! Call Mrs
S. + send me a line to Naples (Call + son) seeing the girls address
I had about degree d. & the hotel? How well do you enjoy
I will get something more for advice - one who stands my co.
Please say in your

Yours
S. Pratt

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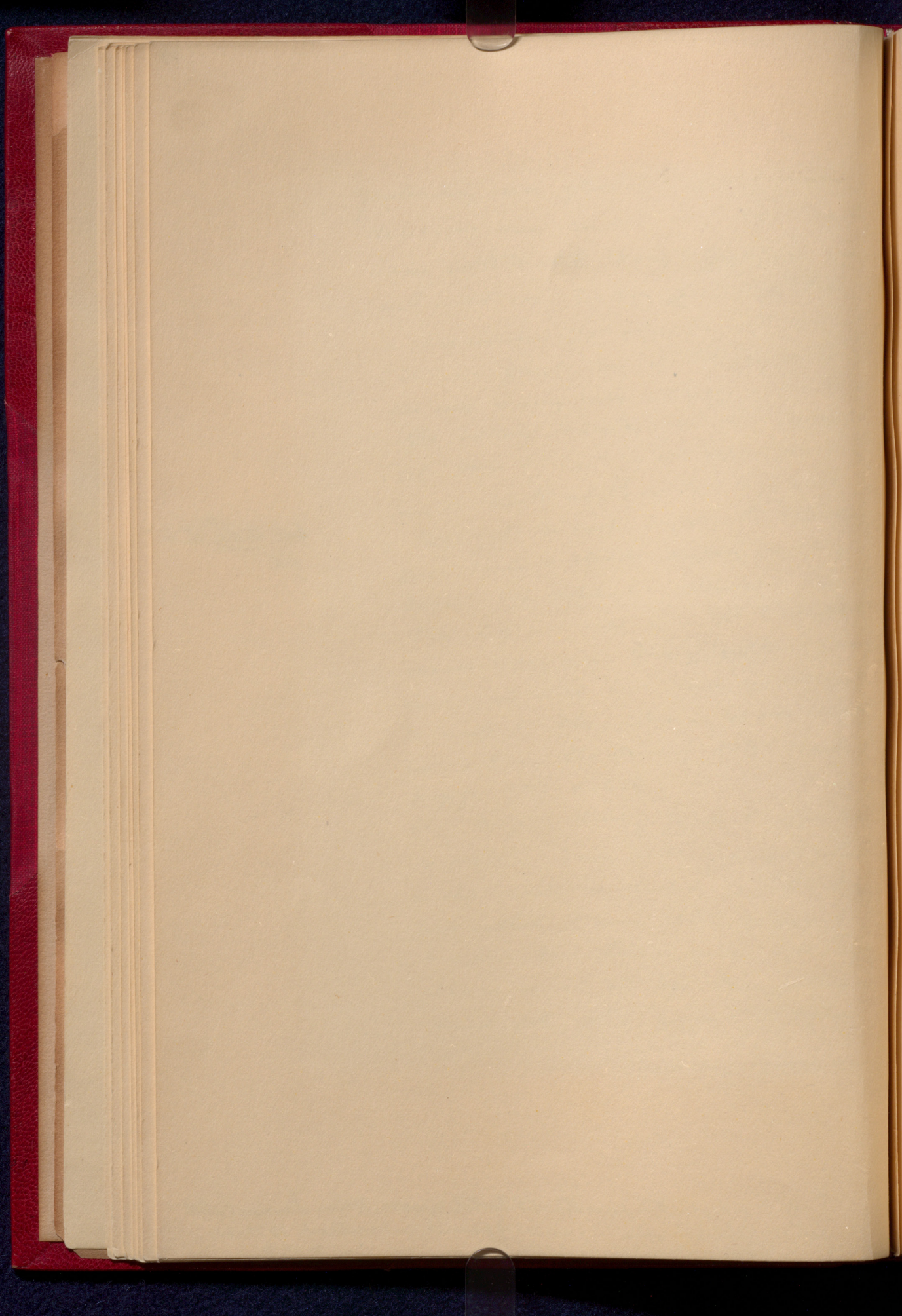
"but thole* it a
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Yesterday was glorious on the river -
delicious air and a beautiful country.
I am alternately sorry & glad you are
out with us. Today promises to be
a scunner. 76° already, 8³⁰ am.
This is a great camel region and
one sees many baby camels - even more
ably looking beasts than their parents.
Tel Mer S. This is the place for him
land rents at \$20 - 35 an acre
& they get 4 crops regularly. The dam
gives them a steady supply all the year
round. The wheat is splendid, the
tomatoes are ripe and ~~the~~ have fresh
beans every day. Many Egyptian geese,
and in the dock here are big boxes full
en route to Alexandria. We are all getting
fat - & I am blackening to the shade of
bragga of the native
It is awfully kind of Jacobs to offer Billy
a position. I am sure if he gets interested
in this work he should go into it. He is
more entitled to him than general
bragga. Mr Ross is better - he says
I have saved his life. Poor fellow is
hard hit. It is so nice to hear

"but thole* it a
bit"

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s.s. "SETI,"

March 11. 1911

9. pm.

fol. 28, l. 4:
Ernest
Cattamach
of Toronto.

Dear G

I am just furious that you are not here - today just your day. delicious temperature, nice breeze and such a treat - Edfu, the most perfectly preserved of all ancient buildings but very modern for Egypt, finished after 180 years work in 27 B.C. You have Hitchcock's Spells of Egypt - do read his description. It is a great - a majestic temple, worthy of any god. It was buried in rubbish houses & stables on its roof! Beautifully restored it is the gem of the Nile. I shall get one or two good photos of the things that impress me most.

The barn - they might not get him into trouble. I was 2 and
been into night. I am afraid they may have had all night. After
said the T. was high. For men might well be carried away
I am very brown - & fatigued. I should about 1 1/2 bottles of iron
day. I am afraid I was 100 bottles of mineral water will not
help out. The girls are well & we all stand the dentistry
I had a night's study yesterday - would like & I am afraid to
under study out another bottle. The Dean is less a 3 weeks due
has & the fountain please handle in the same and inside of
line water (this season) - don't sound & Barbara

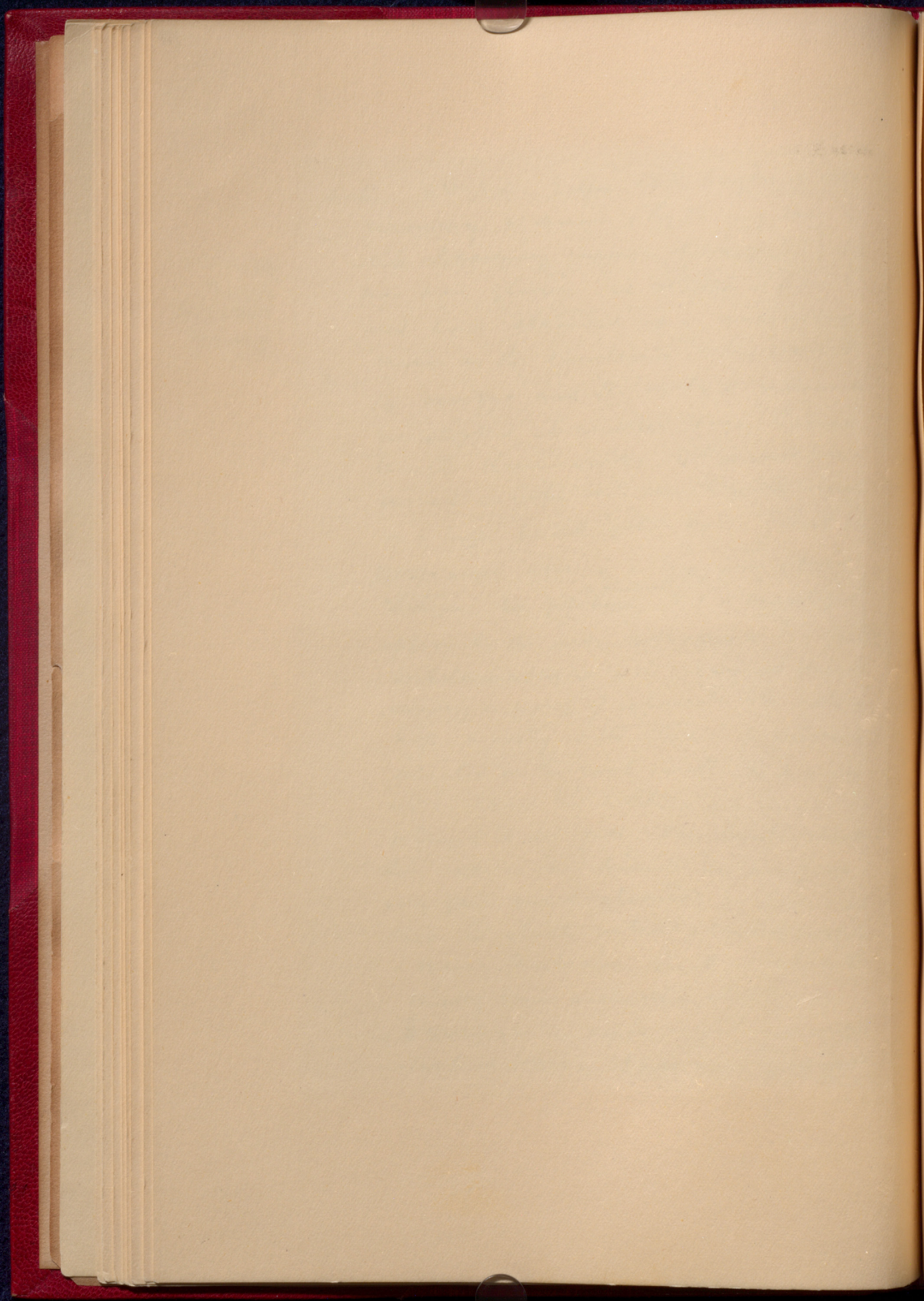
From Mary
D.P.

Continues. I am afraid this month will
 be bad. E.B. says he has a couple of seats
 at the C.P.R. office for the 22nd which
 we can have. Ernest C. leaves us
 here on Tuesday to catch his boat -
 Mr Ross is better but is going to stick
 to me, he says. He told me the story
 of his falling out of the Coal Co. - said it
 was the most rotten crowd he ever
 knew - graft everywhere and the only
 honest man was Joe Reverse, who
 did the most buying a bad most
 opportunity. He wishes he could do more
 for Joe but now he is out & in
 opposition. E.B.D. asked today if he
 should send a check to Billy Francis
 but I told him I thought he would
 sit along all right. I am sorry when
 Russell lend him that money. I
 will repay it. I do not think he needs
 it - though he may have had some
 bills to pay. He writes very hopefully.
 Card from Reverse - very hopeful. Dear
 Dad - please do not worry, that
 boy will come out all right - good
 health, sweet disposition - hang

fol. 28, l. 4:
 Ernest
 Cattmach
 of Toronto.

2nd 6:30 pm Edfu² still lingers in ones
memory a dream (By the way I am
still dreaming insane dreams) To day
has been glorious. We started at 6 am
and have steamed up a narrowing
river as the sandstone now comes to
the surface and the valley is narrowed
we stopped at another Greco-Roman
temple Kom - Ombo - not so well pre-
served as Edfu but beautifully situated
on a high bank of the Nile. Cassel has
30000 acres here & a big pumping
station. We got ^{the first Cataract} here, at 6 - beautiful
approach, the river narrows & big granite
bridges appear & the channel divides
among a group of islands. The hills are
high & rocky & the town is picturesquely
situated on the east bank. Such a sun-
set! Three big hotels - one on an
island & all full. The winter residents
stay here as the climate is uniform &
very few sand storms. So clean & well
kept the streets instead, - Carnoch everywhere,
& many Kubrahs, black as well with
kinky hair & slashed cheeks.
I sent you a wire - that you might
keep in touch. I hope you good weather

fol. 28, l. 4:
Ernest
Cattmach
of Toronto.



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9 Assuan
 S.S. "SETI,"

March 4, 1911

Dearest Grace

This is a perfect
 paradise and such a climate, even
 in winter 75-80° and the
 nights cool. Crowded with English &
 German invalids. The hotels are large
 and well kept. The town is clean
 well watered & such nice parks & little
 gardens. It is just at the foot of the
 first Cataract & opposite the Island
 of Elephantine in which the big
 Savoy hotel stands. We visited the
 Dam and Philae yesterday. E & B & I
 drove the others rode on donkeys. The
 road goes thro the desert for about
 3 miles to the head of the rapids where
 the dam has been built. It is now

doctor, & at last in this place we passed in the way
up. Today we go to the dunnis & work in the shore on
fine sands - ugly beach - a big dunnis waiting for the
big people who do not have the pack with \$10.

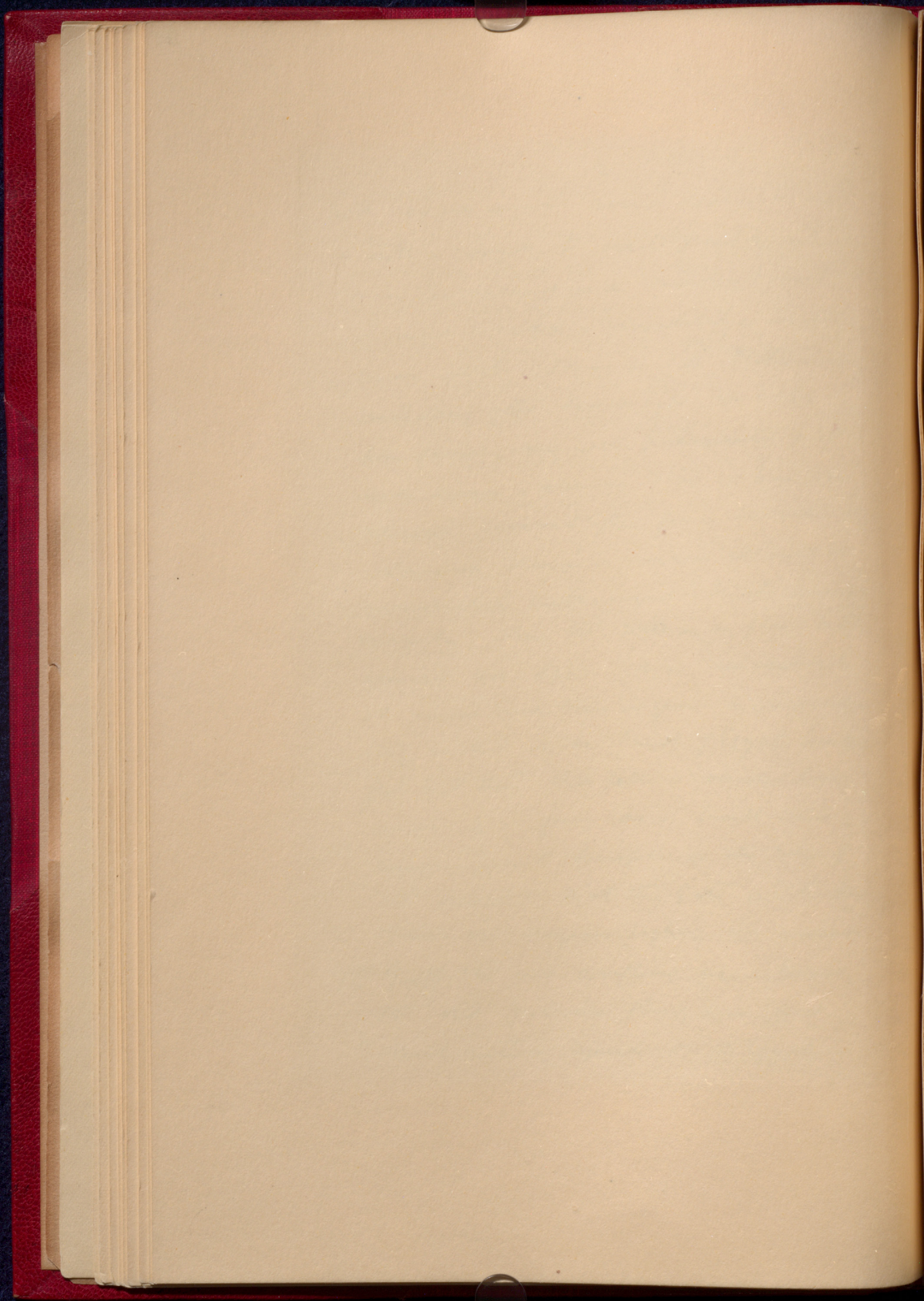
Byron of the 23rd got here last week. I will write about the
The binoculars when seems in morning. After last - do
we could look things here who we got under the dunnis
about of reverse. I wish every day you were here & the
temperature would suit you exactly, it is 62 now (5 am)
had such a nice freshener. I have written letters & sent
of postcard - cards, read the book as I will write to Eric & the
Keweenaw. Since I dated a Starbuck.

Erin
R

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We then went to Crofts rest house near
 the dam & Baroudi had a luncheon
 spread for us. We could not walk
 across the dam as they are working,
 thousands of men, raising the stone
 wall 20 ft. It is a splendid bit of
 work - even old Amurkhotep III
 who built Karnak would have
 been pleased. We walked beside
 the locks, five in no. for about half a
 mile & then took a boat down the
 river. Very little like the St Lawrence
 rapids, great granite boulders,
 polished like glass, innumerable
 channels & small islands. The
 current is not very rapid as the water
 is low. It took us about an hour
 to get back to Assuan. The boatmen
 sing all the way - such weird songs
 very nasal & some melodious. Allah
 comes in very often. We shall stay
 here until Tuesday & then begin our
 descent. stopping again at

full so we went some distance up
 & took a boat to visit Philae which
 is on an island in the river but now
 almost covered - completely in the
 lower parts. It is a late Ptolemaic
 building of the same type as Edfu &
 Denderah, very well preserved & it
 does seem a shame that it has to be
 almost covered for four months &
 when the dam is raised it will be
 completely submerged. In the summer
 months when the Nile is in flood & the
 sluices are open it is uncovered.
 It must have been a gem & no wonder
 they called it the Pearl of Egypt. Wonder
 full that these old fellows should have
 come up so far and built these
 magnificent temples on the edge of
 the desert & at the Gate of Ethiopia.
 There are dozens higher up - when
 the Grafton are working near Merut
 the old Nubian Kingdom had a
 civilization equal to the Egyptians



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Assouan
Tuesday 5th.

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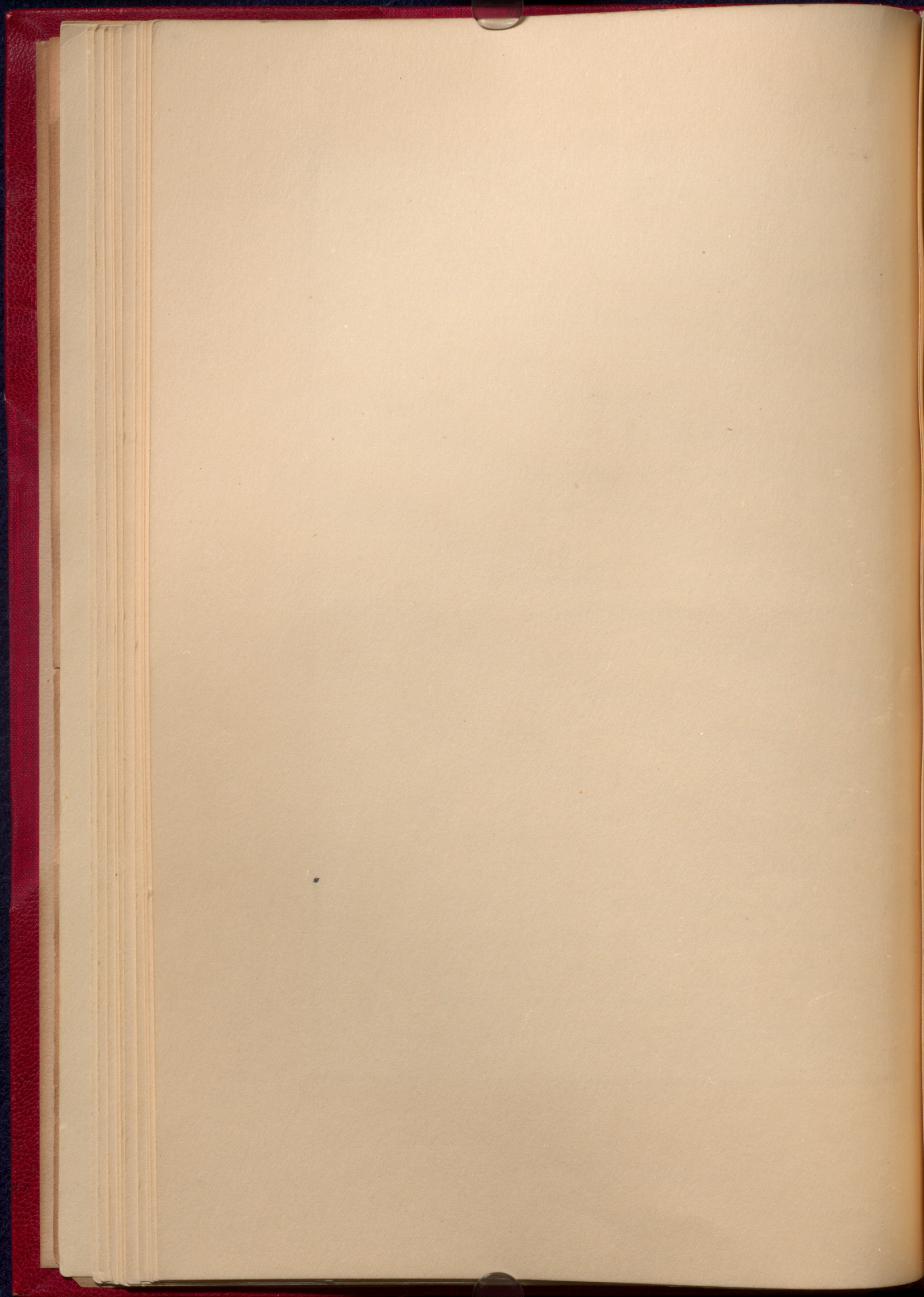
Frank S.

Gee, whizz! you would
 have melted today 84° in the boat
 at the Savoy where we lunched. The T.
 was 92° but it was in the glass. A
 South wind is blowing & that always
 brings the heat. I had a nice walk in
 the park this morning & then we
 all went to church at 10¹⁵ - very nice
 church, new, built ~~at~~ in old Cape
 style. Large congregation - a canon from
 Newcastle is in charge. Then we
 went to the Savoy, which is the big hotel
 in the Island, for lunch. Beautiful
 gardens - lovely roses & the blaze of colour
 of the Bougainvillea (??) on the steps was
 wonderful. Most of the people in the

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killed our Germans - It was piping hot
after lunch. When we got back I had
a note from Mrs. Deussen of Boston
wife of the Parson asking me to see her
husband who is on a搭客 on the way
back from Lady Hall. He has had
paralysis & was operated on by Cushing
then a Mrs. Louise Bowler Livingston
has just sent in a note to you
saying they have typed up next to
us in the ^{Scarab} London another of Cook's
private boats I will call later. We
are just going to tea with Dr
Cannay, the local doctor, here with
whom Prof Sage lives I wish you
could see his garden. We leave
here tomorrow about 12. Ernest
C. goes by train as he has to catch
his boat at Cherbourg. I wish I
was with you this afternoon.
I will be back - another three weeks.
I am fat & black.

Love to Sarah & Barbara.

Byron W.



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Luxor

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s.s. "SETI,"

Tuesday 7/11/11

Dearst G

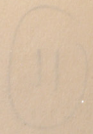
We left Assuan.

Yesterday. I had to see Mr. Deussen in the morning a N.Y. man who lives in Assuan a parson, with a very nice wife who was a Ruth Underwood. We had tea on Sunday afternoon with the Curney. The Adlands were there, admiral & his brother & Prof. Sarge. The parson who asked me to come over to his house & see a beautiful Red Horus - Hawk which a man had brought in with a number of other things. Sarge was there & said they were all genuine, so I bought R. a scarab for £1. & a couple of other small things - nothing trashy & B. & the others went up in the morning & brought a number of nice pieces.

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as "SRTI"

T was day 21/1/41



Thomas P

We left ...

yesterday I had to see the ...
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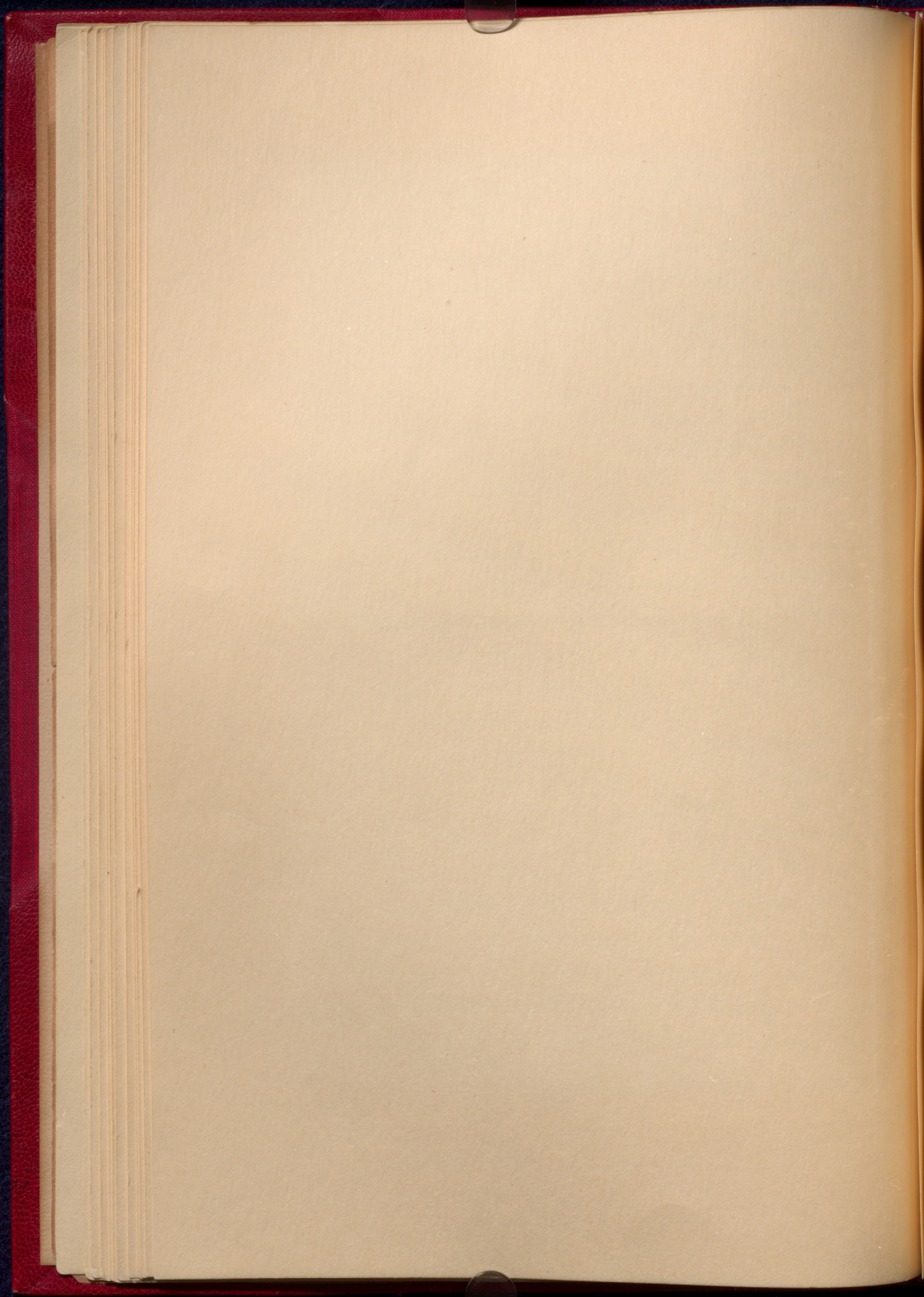
America. . . Sad to hear of Jane's
 death - I had not seen yet. He was a
 good man & a first class physician
 with out any fuss or feathers. Did you
 hear any particulars. No word from
 Ottilie. I hope the children are doing
 well. Bill seems flourishing. Poor
 Bea - gastric ulcer will keep her
 miserable for some time. It is fortunate
 that Marcella is better I hope. The
 Laddie's report is encouraging. What
 a pity about the Turpids - such nice
 readers in this old stream for races!
 I am very sorry to turn back. It has
 been a wonderful experience. Only if
 you could have been here. 10 days would
 have been all right & I believe earlier
 you would not feel it. These devilish
 trips in the heat you could not stand
 We shall be here two days - seeing
 Karmall again & the turbs

Yours truly

W

Russ is better but he is following us close.
& will stick to me he says to the last. His
yacht is at Naples & we are to have it to
go to Capri &c. We left Lissouan with
great regret, 'Tis a lovely place & so clean
I do not wonder that people go there for the
whole season. We had a good day in the
sun, delicious temperature. We did not
stop anywhere until 8³⁰ pm.
I suggested that we see the sun-rose from
the top of the temple - so this morning at
5. Barondi called us all - & brought
tea & at 5³⁰ we were in donkey's going
tho. the country, along an old canal &
in and out of the old town, just as the
people were getting up. When - such dirt
I am glad you did not see it. The temple
is wonderful and such a view from the
top. The sun rose at 6³⁰ and seemed
glad to see early worshippers in his
temple - so long deserted, & even covered
with rubbish for generations. We are
all sleepy today. (EB did not so) but very
pleased to have you. We are just coming
to Lucca. I have your letter of 26th.
& ~~another~~ with letters. - To struggle it looks
so long for letters to come - longer than

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Luxor
S.S. "SETI,"

8th

1911

Dearst G.

We are having a couple of quiet days here - seeing some of the sights we left. We had a full morning at Karnak again where there is so much to see. They are working very hard to repair & clear away the accumulation of ages. & every year something new is found. In one of the sanctuaries last year the statue of Mut, the cat deity was found in perfect preservation & it is now in its original position - a woman's figure with a cat's head & such a benign, half smiling face. In her temple near by are scores of figures, most of them imperfect. She represented Maat Amen-Ra who was the chief God here

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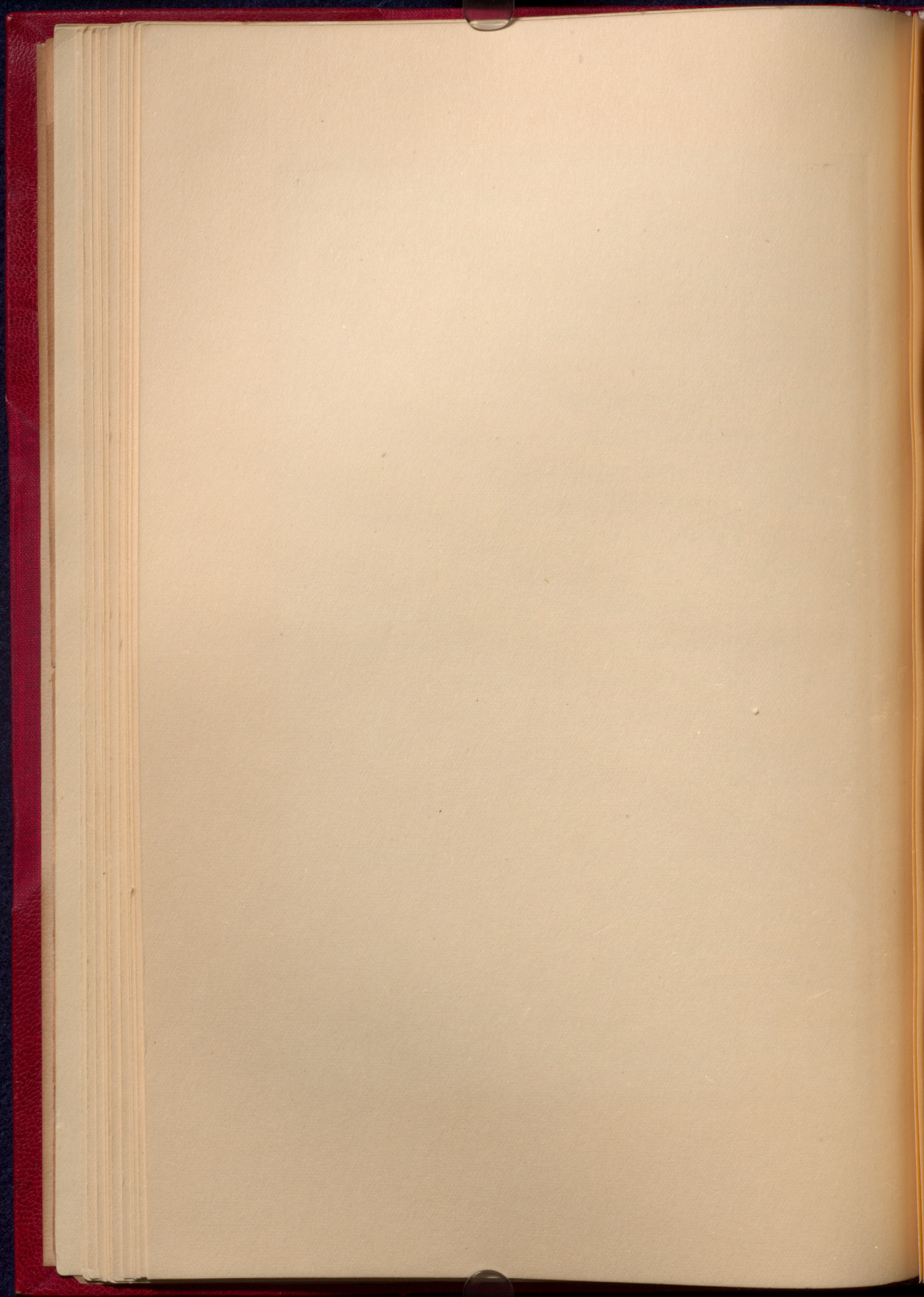
His wife is an American. They have a nice house in the outskirts. He says in June & July the temperature is rarely below 90° at night. He sleeps on the roof. I don't walk under a mosquito netting. I am to dine with them tomorrow evening. Her hair was not so well yesterday. They keep close to us - today he is better. This is not to compare with Assouan but there is much more to see. The temple here (Luxor) is splendid - formerly it was united with Karnak by the avenue of sphinxes. I saw the Hospital this afternoon with the great Doctor T. C. C. & Son support it. I saw a wife (a Kansas city woman) work there. Lord, they are dirty people (I do not mean T. C. & Son) but the Egyptians. The dust is a great drawback - everywhere, it is irritating to the eyes.

Love to Sarah.

Yours
W.

send this on to Revere - While we were examining
the older bank a crowd appeared following
a small channer who was going to all the
corners waving a stick and repeating
words & sentences at a great rate, a sort of
incantation in which he repeated the
names of all the great prophets, Adam,
Enoch, Moses, Aaron, Mahomet etc,
and this he said would bring out the
snakes. In one dark corner he got a
cobra, but he could not tackle it, until
he had whizzed it with the stick & then
he caught it by the tail. In another part
he found a long common snake which
he grabbed at once, but it bit him on
the hand, He gradually got four or
five. Weigall, the Director, says they
are usually fatles & put the snakes
in the places over night. Our old
Liverpool friend W. Johnston turned
up for tea - he gave me a lovely
scrub which will do for E.P. He is
with his son-in-law Newberry, a well
known Egyptologist. I have just
been to the Weigalls - he is the
Director of the Service of Antiquities

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Keeper
s.s. "SETI,"

11. / pm

9th 1911

Dearst G.

Just a line to
catch the post as we leave at
6 am on our way down the
river. Such a day again - across the
river at the Turns of the Screens &
the Turns of the Bubbles - all lovely &
great interest. We did not get back
until 2 pm, I had about 9 miles
in a dory & steered it very well.

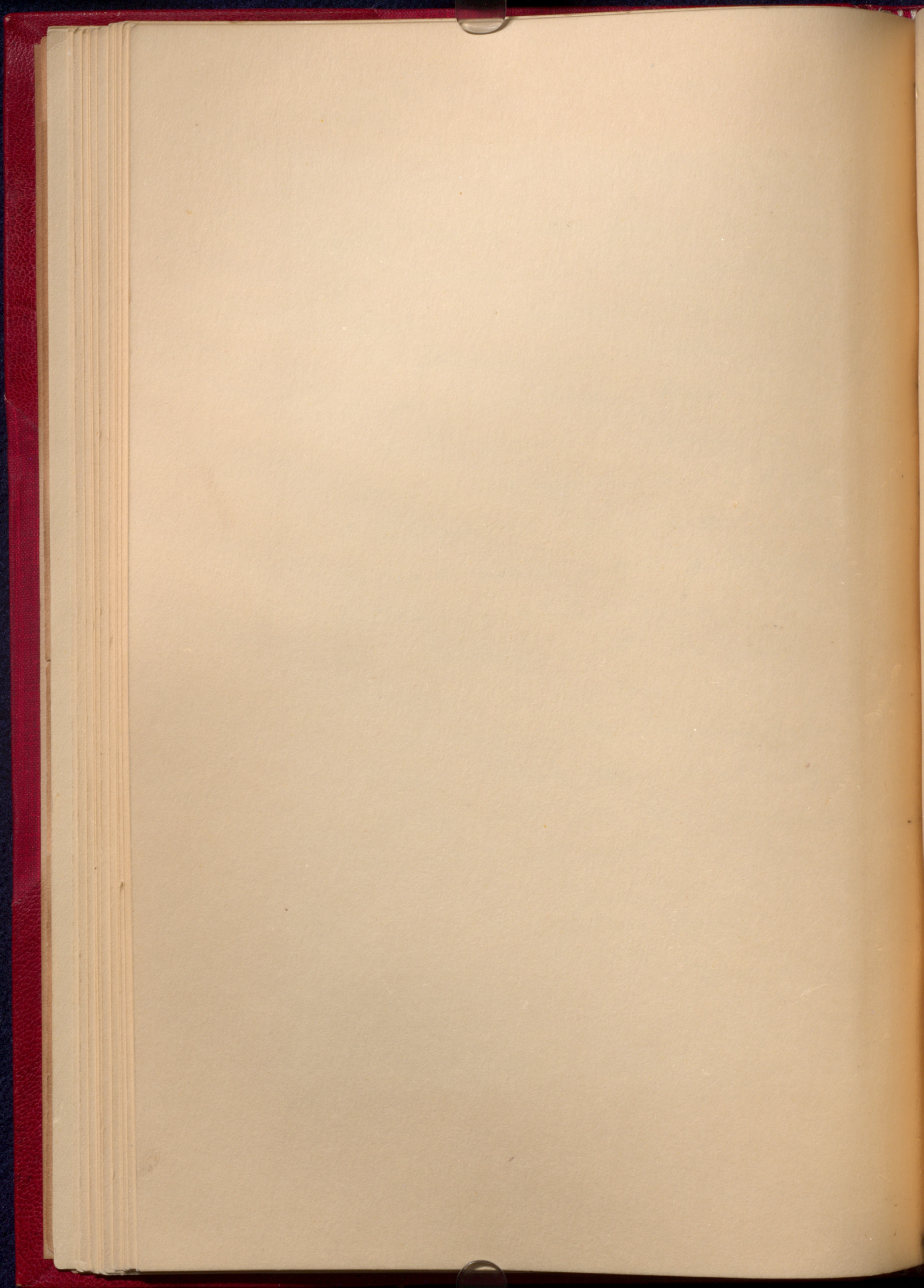
This afternoon I have been practicing
a case at the Hotel a poor Ross who has
a pleurisy. This eve I have been
dining at the Hotel with the
Wesgalls - W. is the director here

of the Antiquities service. Was to
four checks. They had a dinner
party, the Humberts (Lady H.) a nice
old German, Lady Oppenheim & a
couple of English men. Payer turned
up this afternoon. - So sorry not to
see you. He says Mrs H. is in Rome, so
I shall see her. Brown letters with
Endress came - three of the 1st & 2nd.
He talks a long while. So glad you have
been sporting a bit. 'Tis just a
shame you are not here. but you
would have melted today - so hot &
dusty. Please, please do not worry
about that dear boy. I am sure
he will be all right

Yours loving

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Fri March

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S.S. "SETI,"

10.11.1911

Frank }

I wrote a hurried note last eve as we may not be in porting again for some days I enclose a few more photos which are of interest. I have sent them to E.A.

Bahari 2 pm. We have had a good day on the river & have tied up here for the Abydos trip tomorrow. Very hot - 82° & the air full of a fine dust. I have answered all the letters. So glad the nights are better poor Mrs W. she must have been worried ill herself. Her Pass is still miserable. They follow us closely. & I see him once or twice a day



ss "SETT"

10.11.1911

Dear Sir

I want a burner
but not one for use with
in cooking for some days
I have a few more plates which
I have sent you.

Yours truly,
John

I have had a letter from you
up for the 10th day of
November. Very kind of you
of a fine shirt. I have received
the letter to find it empty and
for you to see it must have been
missed all itself. You know
I have had a letter from you
I have had a letter from you

Fri March

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I had long & had sent copies to bank
 I am sure for the balance of the
 bank - 8.200 a 12 with 8.000 sent to
 the 3.00 found & sent for my
 me - has this gift & check
 that day! The copy was
 beautiful what - and the young
 in evening of 18.000 sent to
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 letter a little later this
 just about a cent! In fact an
 amount of 2000 to children
 sent for distribution. The
 the first things in the country -
 I had a lot of work.

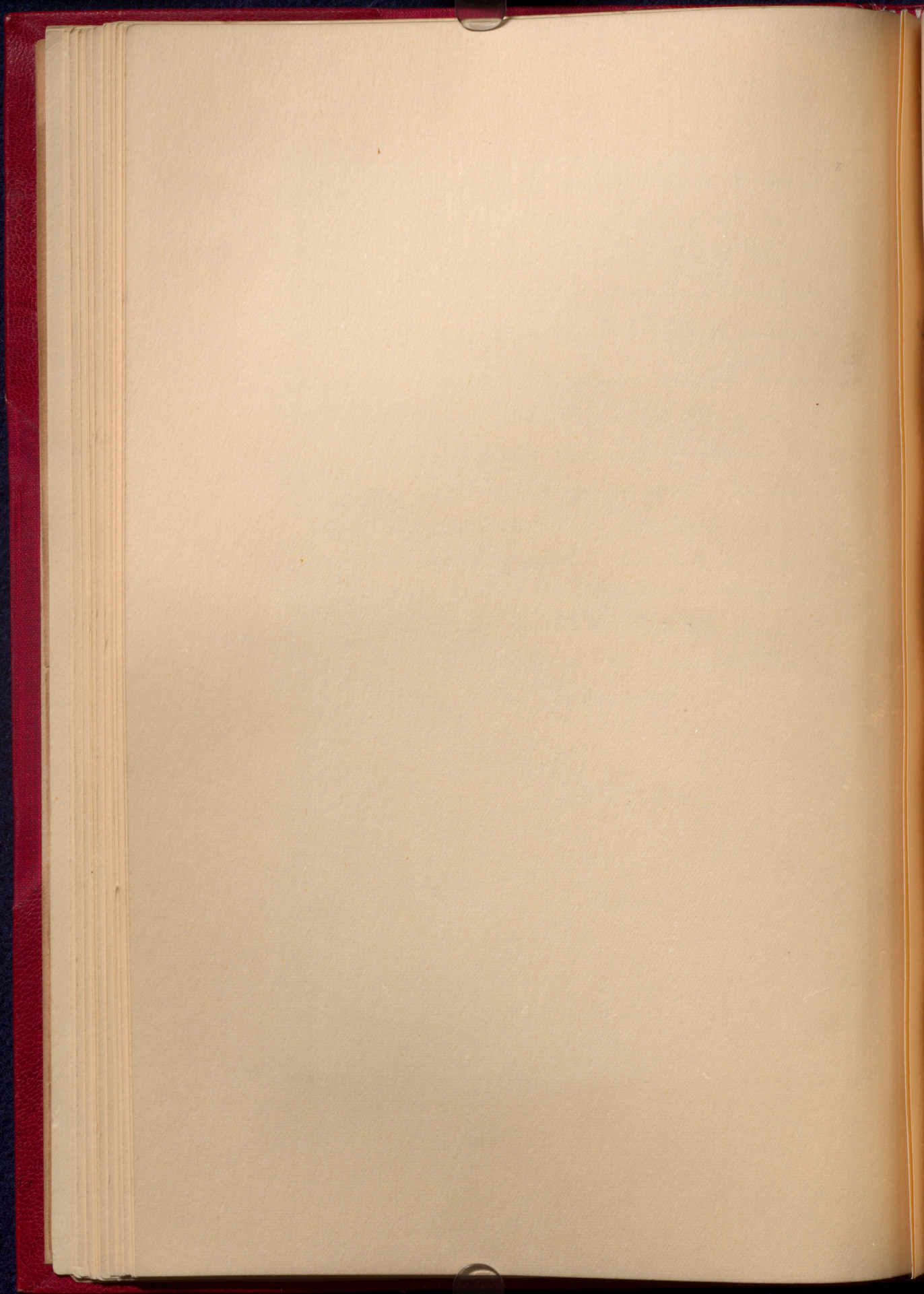
John
 W

Glad Mrs L. has sent cheque to bank.

I can now pay the balance of the Imperial
Bank - £2800 & the other £1000 must go
to the E.R.O. fund. I shall pay my expenses
here - have £100 left! Cheap travelling
these days! The crops would delight you
beautiful wheat - and the young came
streaming up. Splendid beans & lentils
wee little round ones for soup. We have just
latter a walk thro. this town - wheat!
Such dust & dirt! We had an admiring
crowd of 50 or 60 children. I brought pea-
nuts for distribution. The dummies are
the best things in the country - so good
looking & they go so well.

Yours loving
W.

Fri March



Sunday March

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S.S. "SETI,"

12.16 1911

Barset §.

I am glad you were not here yesterday - we stopped at Abydos a drive (6.0.0.3) (the others on donkeys) 6 miles to the famous Seti temple. Searching hot - you would have died several deaths. It was 92° in the shade a red hot in the sun with sand & dust galore. We enjoyed it all the same. The temple is splendid, with seven shrines to different gods. We drove thro such an interesting country - level as a table & covered with grain & heavy crops. Donkeys, cows, water buffalo, camels, horse goat - sheep, everywhere & people such a busy scene. It was a great



as "SATI"

1911

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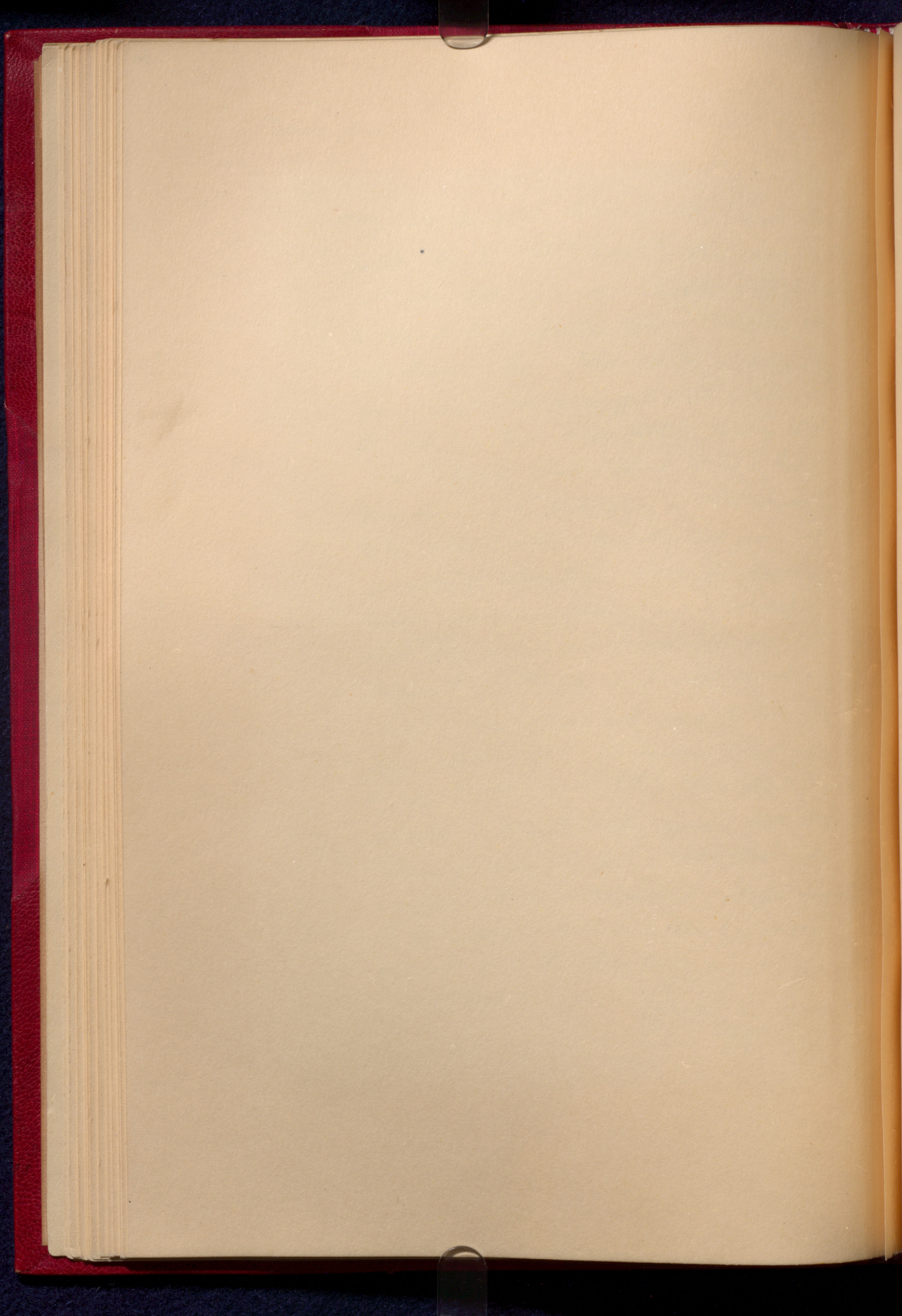
stop as I told the committee, I had
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 of it. The text is better
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 24. The committee will be
 presenting a report when the
 but this is the case in all
 that for our honor. The one
 cannot be done. I will send
 name. The committee will
 before the 15th. It seems
 since I left for the
 shall be the first of the
 been a successful experience
 would not be successful if
 to the committee but our
 report for the

Yours
 W.

day, as I tell Baroudi, each day
better than the last. There are bad
but we all use the whistle of the conch
a sort of palm fibre which is very
effective. We tied up on a sand
bar last eve & it got cold but was
80° at 7. My Ross better today but
their boat keeps close to us. We
are having a hot day in the river
84° now (after lunch) we are just
passing Abertig when the Pasha
lies. He is in Cairo so we should
stop for an hour. We are due at
Assuit this eve. & I will send a
courier. We shall not reach Cairo
before the 17th. It seems very long
since I left you C.C.C! How glad I
shall be to get back again but it has
been a wonderful experience I
could not have missed it for anything
I do hope you have had an encouraging
report from the dashing.
Much love.

John W.

Sunday March



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(16) s.s. "SETI,"

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Dearst &

A month on this boat today! Such a holiday. It has been perfect - Everything - only if you had been here. There had nobody to suggest & every day there was something which needed muscular effort to help get over the weather. What a comfort to get your telegram yesterday. Dear Ladki I am glad he has done better. He may pull up now & do well. We must not be discouraged. Two glorious days on the river, coming down. We stopped

ss "SERI"



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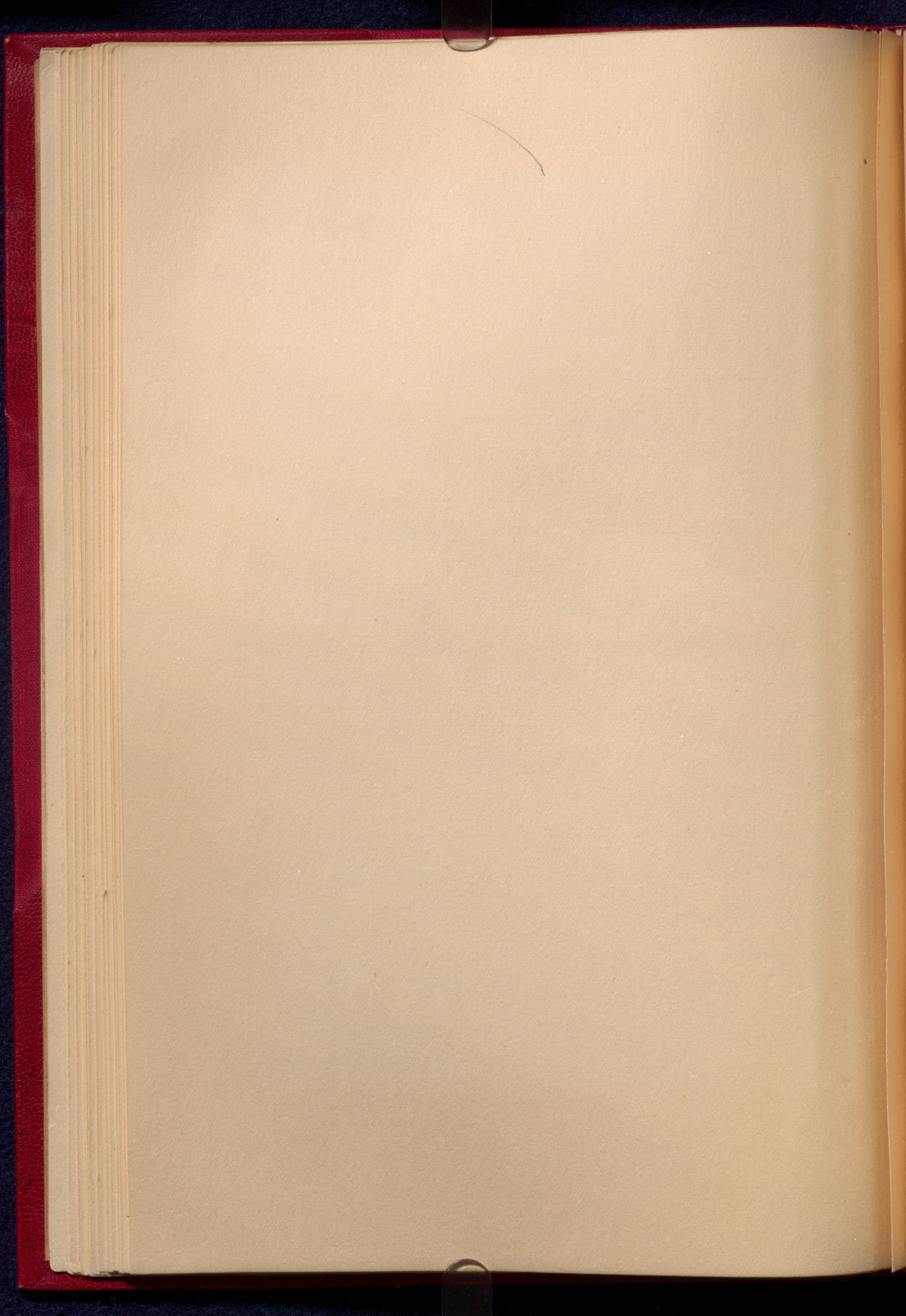
and leave the boat. It has been a
 great trip. We have been out - of doors
 all the time. I am brown as an arab.
 Tuck - swimming! Tell I'll be fished
 last eve off the boat, but caught nothing.
 Our Ross is better. We shall be a week
 in Casso & then a day in Alexandria
 sailing on the Prinz Heinrich for
 Naples in the 27 inst. We shall have
 a couple of days there & then on to Rome
 when I shall have a day, possibly, two
 & take the train to Paris. I should
 be back by April inst. I must write
 to Miss MacLaff. I wonder when
 the girls are. I have not their ad-
 dress. I dare say you will send it
 I should be sorry to miss them.
 We have had no letters for days - from
 last in the 2 inst. I hope you have
 had mine regularly.

Love to Sarah. & Barbara & the
 Turners

Your loving
 W.

Yesterday at Tel-el-Amarna the site of
 the capital of Achnaton, the young idealist
 Pharaoh who in 1500 B.C. broke with the
 old Theban Priest of Amun & tried to
 introduce Monotheism. Extraordinary
 life - a dreamer, devoted to his family
 & to nature and obsessed with the
 one idea of introducing in his Empire,
 which stretched from the Euphrates to
 Nubia, the worship of one God. His
 kingdom to Akon, which represented the
 sun deified might have been written
 by David. His city is a ruin, only frag-
 ments of the beautiful pavement
 remain, we stood fast in the mud.
 for an hour; the Russ' boat followed
 suit & we had hard work to get them
 off. We have done the same twice today
 as the river is falling rapidly. It
 is full moon and a lovely night, we
 have tied up near Sakkara, the
 ancient Memphis which we visit
 tomorrow & in the eve get to Cairo

Waa. Mur.



Friday, morning talking and every possible official
action. Then we went to the Serapeum where on the same -
photo. The secret tells - not 24 remain - called Smith -
check - weighing 67 tons each - tons of each the museum
The tanks brass of fine steel - overcomes cut out the
This metal - There are in the desert - round, round
found & one has been buried for ages. with
Ingrate discovery been accidentally. We know must -
see here (Camp) are arranging to see the old hier. + Museum
at the next school. Will write tomorrow.
So that Sallie always tell the id. Will write her the copy.
The 5, just a preliminary letter on 2/8 - going at home. We
do not leave the road until noon tomorrow. - with our report.
How glad I am you made me so. Yours love W

Thurs Mar

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Cultivated near the Nile - Beyond
 it along the river stretched the great
 city of Memphis, of which not a
 stone remains: a score of pyramids
 are in sight and far away to the
 north the great pyramids of
 Gizeh with the Sphinx. An extra-
 ordinary Step-pyramid is here - the
 first built - the architect of wh.
 was Imhotep, Sesostris, physician

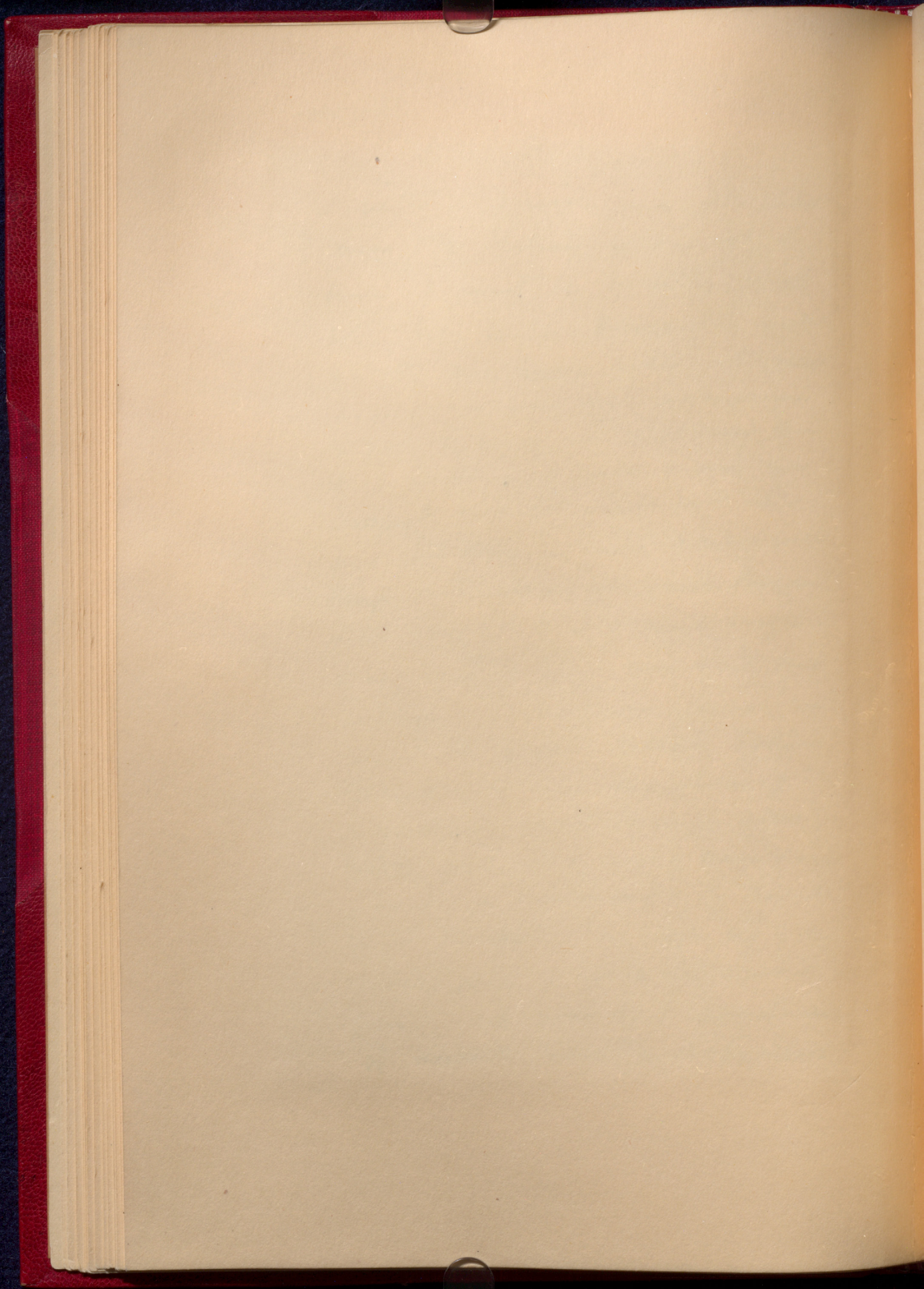
the first known doctor in an-
 tiquity. We saw it & nearly
 the huge fallen statues

Karnak & then went to the
 famous tombs of the great
 nobles of the 4th & 5th dynasty. 30th
 cent. B.C. Such wall carvings!

So fresh & dense a representation
 everything in the domestic and
 social life of the man - hunting

a little. I wish you & He could
come to the Station tables. but I
fear I must be back by April
1st. We leave Alexandria on the
22nd. Mr Ross is better but I shall
have made more than my expenses.
In fact I have not spent more than
£10 in all - I have some nice
essence shawls & will pick up
few good things in Cairo & some little
things that will do for your Bazaar.
Stalls &c. E.B.O. is to send everything
to England, ^{direct from C.} so there will be no visit
in Italy. Today was glorious. We
stayed the night opposite Sakkara
the site of the old necropolis of
Memphis, about 16 miles above
Cairo. and at 9. had a sand-cast
(for me) a double - for the Tombs
& the Serapeum. A huge 4-3 mile
burial place - where they buried
from about 3000 B.C.! Now a waste
of desert except a strip which

Thus far



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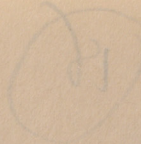

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 S.S. "SETI,"

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Dearest G. In an hour we
 leave this boat - all with great
 regret. It seems ages since we
 came aboard, and what sights
 we have seen! I am choc-a-bloc
 full. I shall read nothing but
 Egypt for the rest of my days. I
 am so glad that we will come over
 I expect we can stand it financially
 I am glad you sent the cheque. I
 will not have lost much by
 being away. There are always a
 good many expenses about me - but
 a taxidermist would be the course

ss. "SETT".

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of a month. Only we must save the
money for the boy. On the whole we
have not done badly but I fear the
time when my income will be very
small, & expenses the same, or
with the boy starting, even larger.
Should anything happen to me, you
would have \$1,000 and the house -
which would enable you to live &
keep up my contributions to the family.
Considering what fat hands we have
(tis Barondi's share) we have done
pretty well. And you have been
an angel! How you have borne with
me all these years!

I so glad you letter for Sally. I do
hope she will stay until I get back.
Barondi calls. - he cannot hold my
wrist!

Yours

W.

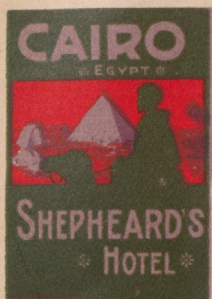
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Sunday.



The Egyptian Hotels Ltd Cairo
 SHEPHEARD'S HOTEL & GHEZIREH PALACE

Dearst S.

Here we are back at Shepheards. We left the boat at 4 on Friday. The crew lined up on deck & the 22 got their backshuk - pretty liberal allowance. They all shook hands & then called ^{in English} "Good-bye." ^{Good-bye.} "Hik hik burrah. Thank you thank you, very good man - good bye" which we hear everywhere in Egypt. It was quite sad to leave the site - such a comfortable boat and nothing to be improved upon in any way. We are in a sumptuous suite here - big rooms, sitting room baths &c. such luxury. The hotel is very full - 280 Clark Tourists - rather a job lot. Yesterday we went shopping. I have bought a few things for you and the girls, no least! E.B. is sending everything to the C.P.R.

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London. I am ordering some cigarettes - a
 pair 1000 with duty as they only come to \$15. But
 we pay \$20 at least. In the afternoon I paid
 a couple of calls & went to tea at Dr Phillips
 In the eve I dine with Dr Tribe at the Savoy
 which is the small hotel near - all the military
 do frequent it. The German crown Prince was
 there and many English nobles. I saw Mrs
 Cassatt's mother, of Phila. very ill. They go in
 the Prinz Hermann with us on Wednesday.
 We shall reach Naples on Saturday. Mrs Ross
 has arranged for the yacht to take us
 to Capri &c for a couple of days. This morning
 we went to the Capt Church - men only in the
 nave & in the gallery - screened by lattice, the women
 such a weird scene - stand all the time & for hours
 The Museum have the best yet - in every way I
 suspect a better reliques altogether in the Capt is
 a bastard Xian. Rhamsis yesterday - said about
 what as Kades - desert everywhere. Today is glorious
 as clear & bright & cool. I enclose photos which Wilmette
 has taken - send in to Ho.

Yours
 RVU

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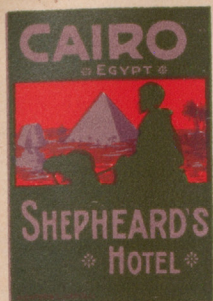
This and the next letter are the first of the series, before the Nile trip,
and should have been numbered and bound as ① & ②!
W.W.F.

FEB. 10th !!

See the letter to me W.W.F. of this date inserted 1953 at leaf 72

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Friday am,



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SHEPHEARD'S HOTEL & GHEZIREH PALACE

Dear Mr G.

Such a collection of people!

Jews, Turks, infidels, & nominally heretic
Americans. What would the people do here
without U.S. gold. There were 160 off the Corran
last night. We have seen nothing yet -
except the main street. I have a slight
cold since yesterday. I always catch cold
in the steamer when it is hot. It is not
much & I will be careful. It is one of these
yellow days - not bright sun, but pleasantly
warm. It is a festival & the Museum & Library
are closed. The pyramids & Madonna S. will
be splendid by the full moon. It is just too
bad that you are not here. E.B. is doing every-
thing. We must arrange soon about the
ship back to Naples. E.B. talks about Palestine
but I think I should not talk longer than to
April 1st.

P.M. Such an odd day - the air filled with

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a yellow red sand from the desert. It has been
blowing another gale - It is lucky we got in last
eve as the Cornica could not have got over the
bar in this storm. The Parmelee's have had
the Sati, the private boat - are in it now a
wretched business eve. They called this pm.
Such a glowing account of the boat & the crew.
Splendid - everything aboard - including a
laundry - man. (I see by the Cook - pamphlet that
these private boats are £750 for a month for six
or seven!) Mrs P. - so much better. They will be
in London in May - with the rest of the world &

we must have them for a Sunday - with the rest
of the world. The Hotel is garrisoned - just
come in four dinner. - very, it's hot - but no
doubt, like ourselves, very nice when warm.
I am better this eve. just a slight schuffen.

June 170.

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Monday 13th -
10 am

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SHEPHEARD'S HOTEL & GHEZIREH PALACE

Dearst G.

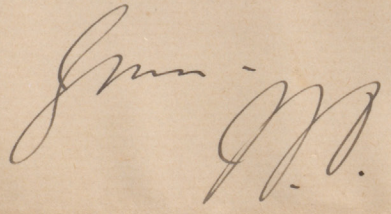
Oh, this am. cold all
 gone. I have been out buying postal
 cards & have sent C.R. some good ones
 of the monuments. No letter from you. The
 post is very irregular. The last London
 papers are Saturday week. The storms have
 knocked out the regular boats.

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5th I have had a great day - went to the
 Egyptian Hospital at 10^{am} - with Dr. Keatinge
 who spent the morning in showing the laboratories
 then lunch & from 2-4 in the wards with Madden
 & Phillips - many things I had read of but had
 never seen. Big Hospital, little blockly, only
 Smellie's & deWitt. All Whay - May - they have
 a great deal to do. Such good fellows, but they
 should have a new equipment, I have

decided to become a Mahomedan after seeing the
 big mosque here - in its simplicity & grandeur. No
 wonder the one God idea spread thro, the world
 I have just come in from a superb view of the city -
 which one has from the bank of the mosque - Pyramids
 in the distance - the green fields of the Delta and
 the Nile - not so big as I thought. I have not seen
 the family all day.

7 June. Yours letters of Friday eve & Sunday eve
 with Bills have just come. It takes longer to
 get a letter here than to New York. 'T was not my
 fault - the 16th was the date I was told by
 Parker. That lunatic Clees should have sent
 us word. So sorry, what a nice letter from Bill
 He should stay here a little up the river - would
 suit him - Byron & he are old chums.
 The post arrangements in the Siets are good, we
 have letters forwarded the day they arrive at Cairo.
 & they know exactly when each boat is. The girls have
 just come back from ten or ten - & say it is
 perfect. Give t May & Harry. So sorry t miss
 them. Such a raft of people here - Desmours, Hauser
 etc - Wombes, Vancouver... only a few English

Yours -


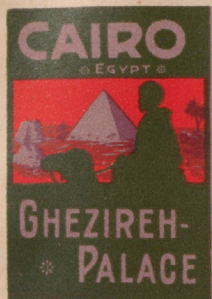
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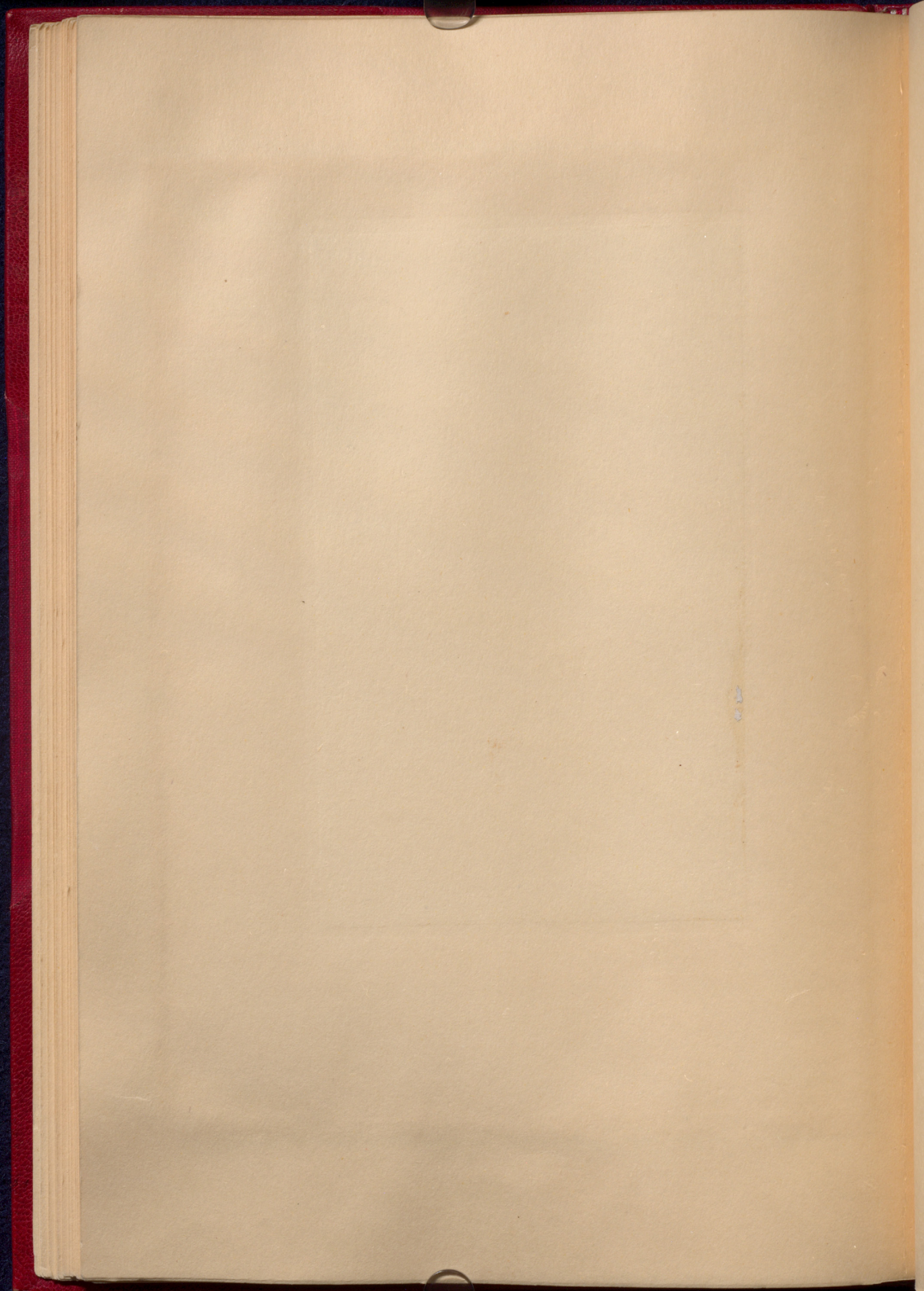
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Dear Mr G.

We are having a very busy time here. yesterday we went to the Copt church - In I think I told you - In the afternoon we all went to Dr McCalister for tea & met the Curate at last Mr Thakerry, a good painter too - & his wife & one of his pupils. I dined with the Phillips (Prof - of med for in the eve. & met one or two very pleasant people. I had a great morning at the Museum - the old arabic one founded in 980 AD. The Pasha sent his son & sent word to the Chancellor who met me & spend an hour going over the place & transcribing - a long tale for you. Consulted the Prof. & the Emperor till the result - a dress for you, Roma & Attica - that will suit. cannot have a silk stuff, all embroidered

I got the same 3 years ago for the girls
 & it has lasted wonderfully - I looked all
 over the shop for a nice piece of embroidery for
 the piano - plenty of bits but not one of the
 color. If you send him the pattern & text
 he can send it. £10. I have plenty of red
 shoes & a pair of trousers. I have but 1000
 cigarettes & enclose the bill - you will have
 to pay the duty about £1.4.0 you see
 they will come to very much less than our
 8's. a 100. They go parcel post. This
 hotel is crowded - and told you an Arabic
 excursion. We go tomorrow at 12.
 Mrs Ross is better - will write again when
 I've the date. Will expect letters by the
 post. due this eve. Only two - cost .20
 currency.

Yours
 W.





HAPPY WITH THE HUMP.

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TUCK'S POST CARD

CARTE POSTALE



By Appointment

"HUMOUR IN EGYPT" Series III
"OILLETTE" Postcard 9630
Raphael Tuck & Sons
ART PUBLISHERS TO THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING & QUEEN.

This is a very typical
Egyptian scene. The
canal is so well drawn
we incl this artist. Thank
you on Sunday.
Send me t l r o

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(FOR ADDRESS ONLY.)



21.3.11

Mrs Osler

13 Norham Gardens

Oxford

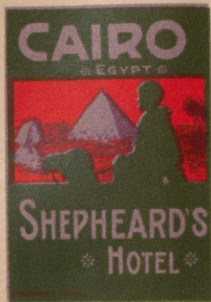
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we met this artist,
Thackeray,

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SHEPHEARD'S HOTEL & GHEZIREH PALACE

Dear G.

I do not think I can get back before April 1st. We reach Naples on Saturday. The Ross & Mary get there on Sunday and Mr. P. wishes us to have a couple of days in the Lyceum and to see Capri & the other places in this way is too good a chance to miss. I must have a day in Rome. So if I leave N. on the 24th I should be able to get home Saturday night. I really should not stay away longer. I will write you from Alexandria tomorrow & from Naples. I shall be glad to get back - it does seem a long while. Since I left. . . Yours with the report came

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Last one - very encouraging. That Mr Barton
 has bucked him up a bit & taken an interest
 I am afraid little is a stick. You & R.
 must go off somewhere - for the fishing I
 shall stay & mend shop. I do wish you
 could see the place. I have bought a
 number of little things that will be use-
 ful I had two consultations yesterday &
 it seem right to spend the fees. I am
 sure you will be pleased. I was to have seen
 Govt. the British Resident today but he
 could not get in from the desert in time.
 Baroudi has packed me up - very well but
 not so skillfully as William. I never can get
 everything in

Love + all

John
 W.

The next letter should precede this

Sun. Mar. 26th

26.3.11



Grand Hotel

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MÊMES MAISONS:

SCHWEIZERHOF
LUZERNERHOF à LUCERNE

HAUSER FRÈRES Prop.

HOTEL ST. GOTTHARD à LUCERNE, W. DOEPFNER Prop.

GRAND HOTEL ET BEAURIVAGE à INTERLAKEN, ALBERT DOEPFNER Prop.

Naples, 26th 11.

1911

Frankst J.

We have had a nice
 quiet Sunday. We waited until 12
 for the *Carone Francome* passengers,
 the Rossi (jr) Mary & George stayed at
 mine. Ross goes on to Alexandria &
 Ethel stays here on the yacht. This
 afternoon we went to the Aquarium
 such a treat - marvellous fish. I do
 wish Revere could have seen it. I
 must get some postcard cards. We all
 go to Capri & tomorrow in the yacht.
 I do hope it may be smooth. Miss B.
 has not been very well. Thursday was
 a rough night & upset her badly

This is a beautiful spot but we all miss
 the Sati & Egypt. & the sun. & the Arabs
 This is a dirty hole - & it has been cloudy
 not as it was the day I came 7 weeks ago.
 Gee whizz - must its a long time since I
 left you! I telephoned Mrs Mc Guff this
 morning about our rooms. We shall leave
 Wednesday at 10 am which will give me
 a day & a half in Rome. The train leaves
 at 11²⁰. The EB & so will go to Florence
 & Venice & get Mary to join them.
 & then go to Paris & London about
 middle of May. I have only asked every
 other person to come this summer.
 Mrs Brown of the CPR has sent two
 confirmation seats. We should get others
 at the athletic union or the V. Auto club.
 Love to Cathie

Yours

YV

Sat. Mar. 25th.

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ROSTER & CAROLL

Naples, Saturday 11 am 19

Dear Sir,

Just in - rather rough trip
 one very bad night - I was not seasick. Poor
 Cassatt aboard very ill. I have been keeping
 a friendly eye on him. Mrs C. knows you - was
 a miss Carter, son of the old doctor whom I used
 to see with Murray Cheston. Poor Henry Bowditch
 that - a good friend gone - one of my best; it
 is nearly 40 years since H. J. introduced me
 to him. The country is safe while such
 men come up in each generation. I am
 afraid you have had a sad time with
 old mess. I hope he may not die in your
 hands. You & Sally seem to have been
 fairly happy. I am glad she has had a
 good time. She has been a saint to stay
 with my good angel. I have an ascent
 shawl for her but it is rather the other

Things are in E.S.D., but en route to C.R.R.
 Office London. They should reach there early
 in April. We can take a chance to send it
 out - some friend could wear it. I wired
 you at once my plans. Monday & Tuesday
 we shall take Ross, yet M. for Capri & c
 Wednesday 1⁵² I go to Rome & shall leave
 eve., & all in hurry taking the sleeper
 for Paris at 11⁵² - due Paris 6⁴⁵ Saturday
 & London 5¹². You must wait. I will
 wire the station & we could catch the
 6¹⁵. It is too bad to miss Sally by a few
 hours I really must be back. The E.S. wants
 me to stay on. I will send Mrs. M. off the
 £10 & risk getting the linen there. Tho. I have
 precious little room in my trunk. Glad
 to have R. letter - he seems very happy -
 dear Laddie. So sorry to see that Mabel
 has been very ill - some operation - poor
 dear! It may have been extra uterine
 I am sure of Margine with that no 2.
 within the year. Still there are advantages.
 & she is a strong managing woman -
 much better for her than for many
 others. Bill must not get too fat. - he
 will break his back. I have written
 Picture postals galore. 36 more just before

leaving Egypt. Although it has been a great experience. - I need of
the days you could have enjoyed, but it was best no doubt to
stay. - Your letter reached me yesterday. I thought we were just a
week - which is common. We were out of reach of wires for some
days & that was the reason. It would have been delightful if
you could have come on here. We expect Mary & George home
to pass them a what's the matter. I will attend to the letters you want on
Wednesday on you - don't stand. & all means - the star part.
The handwriting about it has been quite!

From
England

Mar. 27th

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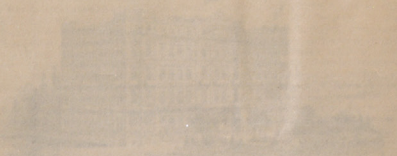
RICHTER & C. MAROU

Naples, Monday 9th 19

Dear Sir,

Best day yet! That is what we always say. Yesterday the wind fell and we arranged with Ethel Ross who is on the yacht to send up early of the Capt. That the day a good one for Capri. The man was here at 6:30 & the day was glorious. We left the hotel about 9 and found a big breakfast party. The bay was glorious - like the day so clear & blue. Messieurs by boat the Corsair lie next to the Sheela, & several others in the harbor. It took about 1 3/4 hours to the Island. We took carriage & drove all about, then got back to the boat for lunch, 2 pm. & started for the Blue Grotto, which is only about ten minutes

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WALTER & DORFNER, PROP.

MEMBER WISCONSIN

GRAND HOTEL ET RESTAURANT & INTERIORS, ALBERT DORFNER, PROP.

1/10/1900

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Mar. 27th

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round the other side. When we got there the
swell of the night before & a fresh blow which
had just come up made the sea so rough
that the sailors did not think we should
go in - much to our disappointment. We
went to Toronto instead - walked about for
an hour & then had tea in the terrace
of the Vittoria. It is a lovely spot. I wish
we could spend a couple of weeks there some
spring. Lovely villas - altogether a heavenly
place. I do not remember but Maria Crawford
lived there. We got back about 7³⁰ - dined
on the boat and have just got here. The
Sheraton is a beauty 680 beds - very comfortable.
Wrote from Mrs McCoy who has a room for
me but can get no rooms for A. B. & party
which is sad. I shall just miss the birds
& L. L. - too bad they leave on Wednesday.
We shall cross in the R.R. The days are
flying I shall be with you soon - poor
patient grizel - sitting quietly at home.
Shunning which I am hoping. Love to Sally
& the boys.

Yours loving
W.

Mar. 29th.

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PALACE HOTEL
ROME

(27)

Wednesday eve

Darrest S.

Very good trip for people
but very hot - glad you were not there. I
came at 10 - they came in at 2. They could
not get in here but have nice rooms at the
Excelsior. I went out with Mrs Mac (who
met me kind enough) and we visited 3 or
4 book shops, & then went to tea with Mrs
Sawell, who looks lovely - she has been
having mistakes - poor girl. They have
a splendid apt. Pol. Orzino. I lunch with
die & F. tomorrow. Mrs M. cheer with
the family at the Excelsior. The carless
drive here tonight. I am sending this to
the Imperial Club & I will wire any change
but my ticket reads thro, Foligno &
Anagnino. I will go to Civita tomorrow

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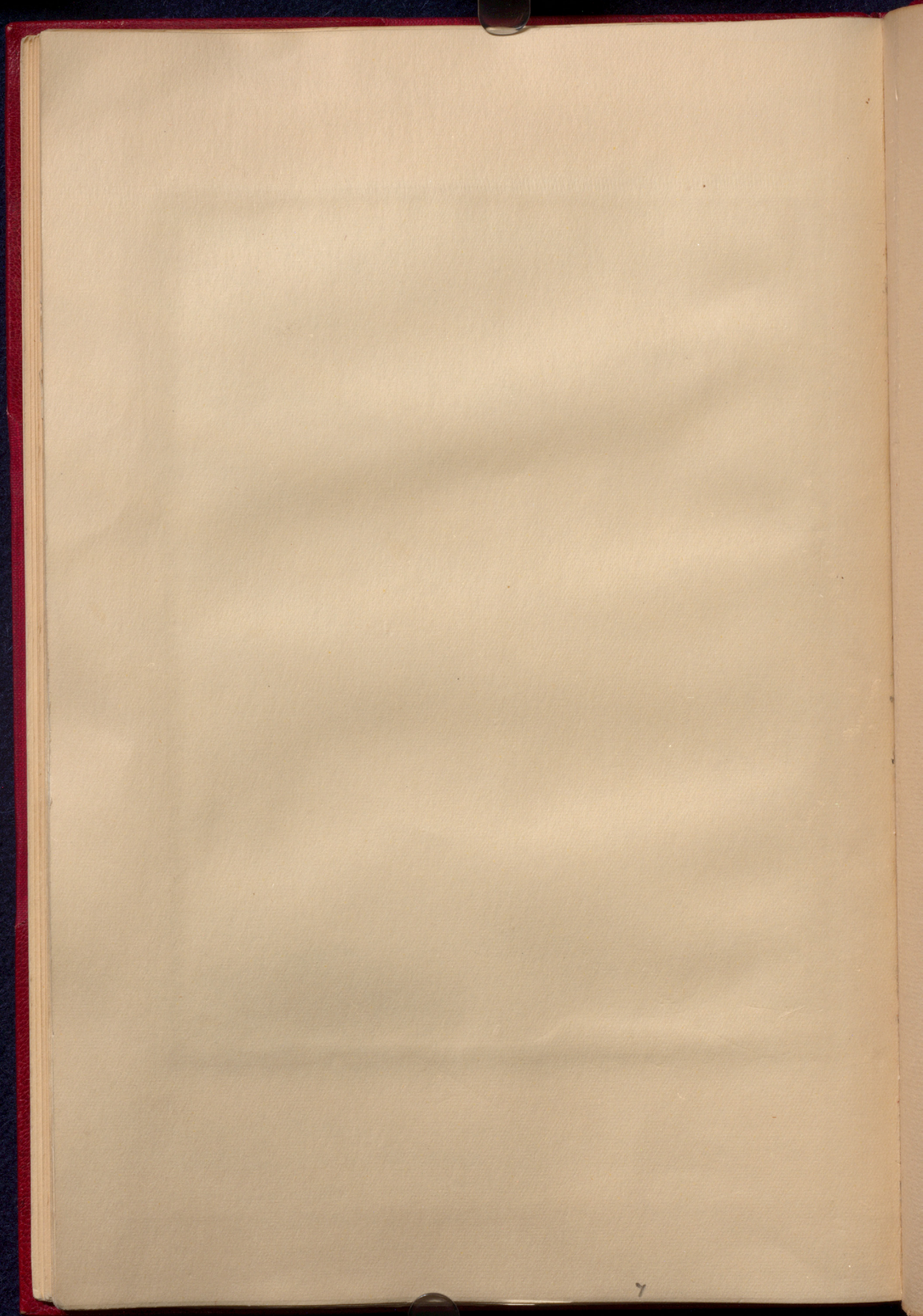
x Alice, comtesse Andreozzi } nieces of Lady O's first
F [Florence Key] ? } husband, S.W. Gross
W.W.F.

again. Rome! jshaw! after Ann-
 Ra & the Spirit & our noses are in
 the air. I was really sorry to pass the
 Pantheon this afternoon. But the spirit must
 tell. - the eye counts. Got your Saturday
 letter here - poor lonely thing! I
 shall not be away again for weeks. 'Tis
 cold here & raining - pleasant change!
 Sorry the servants are all going - to
 that Itharis William I suppose. ①
 So sad about Miss Nichols - I was afraid
 something was up. - too busy I suppose. ②
 Sorry to hear old Unc. is bad again
 from am.

W.D.

① They didn't go.

② William Turpin, the butler - young, tall & handsome. Lady O. once
 said to W.D. & me, "There are 3 of 'em in this house - William,
 Willie & Bill - and only William is well dressed." W.W.F.
 He died of pneumonia on active service, 1917.



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Wetmore

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Chapins, Lady Oulein

Feb 10 16 [1911]



The Egyptian Hotels Ltd Cairo

SHEPHEARD'S HOTEL & GHEZIREH PALACE

I find this letter to me
in 1953 W.W.F.

Dear Bill

This is a great trip - I wish you were
 met to see this new world. We got to Alexandria on Wednesday
 night but too late to cross the bar. The descent of the
 famous Pharos blazed away at us all night & it was
 a fine display of electric light - 4 or 5 miles in extent
 in the foreground of the harbor. It blew a gale on Thursday &
 the Lagoon draws 25 ft. & the bar in places is 29-30 we
 could not risk it & bobbed up & down all day - & fortunately
 about 6. the wind fell & we got into big harbor. Alexander
 did with more mud & silt - silt lying and marsh-
 surrounded. I should like to have had a few weeks with
 Herophilus & Erasistratus. I wish Ptolemy's other mounds
 could be discovered. We should put them high up in the
 temple. E.P. had a big dragon man meet from Corfu
 who took charge of everything & had our seats secured in the
 train to Cairo. - Modern style - train in the dock! Every
 luxury! dining car etc. I am sorry we did not see the
 delta on the way but we did not leave until 9.30 p.m.
 & got to Cairo about 12.45. Such a mob of howling devils at the
 station - yelling at the top of their voices. Fortunately we
 had room secured at this sumptuous place. Nearly all our
 fellow passengers are here - our party - consists of E.V.O.,
 Annis. & Volmest. Robert Belknap & Ernest Callanach.
 Yesterday was very curiously a yellow red atmosphere
 caused by the dust storm of the previous day, very

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Alexandria - August 1911
W.W.F.

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irritating to the eyes & the tubes, as I had taken cold
I did not go far but sat in the big piazza watching the
molley crowd. - Too many Europeans but the majority
those who pass are turbaned. Fine looking set of men
like every looking chap & tall. We went to customs to see
about the final arrangements - of the dakha bicych - E.B. has
secured a beauty - everything is provided even to a baundry
man. the boat stocked for a month. The man in charge
superintends everything & has enough archaeological information
to direct the excursion. I will send you a picture yet. I
do wish Grace could have come. Very cold here today &
the wind at a gale - lucky we got in that ere in we should
have been outside still. The big boats have great difficulty
in getting into these Mediterranean harbours. I wonder what
old Ulysses would have thought of a 21000 craft. Polygen
are off tobacco as they say (E.B. & I think) that the cigarettes
are mild as honey dew. ^{let me hear how you get on.}
should be back about April 1st. Rather long to be away but
this is the chance of a life time

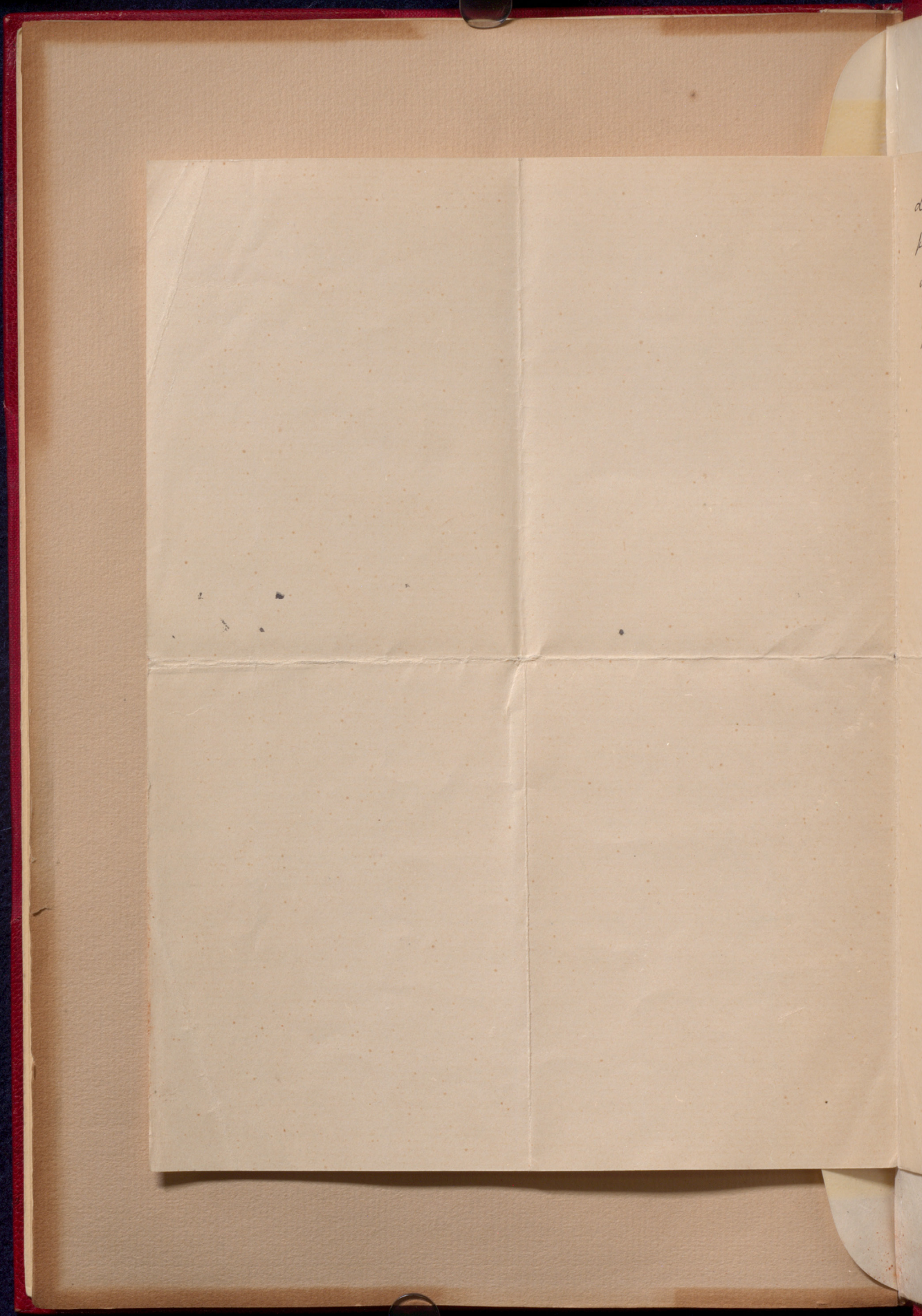
12th. Took a side show passes thro hotel. Every few
minutes something new. a pilgrim has just come
back from Mecca - a group of devishes, then three gloriously
trapped camels, a gilt & silver box-like affair carried
by two camels in which the children & wives of the pilgrim
~~wife~~, then the pilgrim splendid, attired, in a Victoria,
friends in carts, a brass band, a camel
band, & last full a group of his women
servants 10. in a dorethy cart - all done up in their
best. This is a common sight. Amos saw two
yesterday. I have just come in from the Museum -
splendid collection, but it seems such a tragedy to

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disturb these poor fellows, after they had made such
preparations for immortality. I am deep in Lave
on Egyptian customs &c. 1st. Everyman, I believe
you would be interested. The prayers are very
touching - how intense the monotheism - strange
after all the gods the Secrites have had. There
is a molley population - many blacks. Our
writer is little a S.C. dabble - with three V V
under each cheek bone and " on the outer side
of the eye. Everyone speaks a little English. I will
send word about the river - send in the letters
to your mother & her. and the post-card wh.
I am sending to them also.

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INTERESTING EXAMPLE OF A SCARCE AND MUCH SOUGHT-FOR AUTOGRAPH, referring to meeting the financier, J. Pierpont Morgan, the elder. "It would be a great pleasure to meet Mr. Morgan and to see his treasures. I am coming out in April again for a couple of weeks. I should like to get some of Mr. Morgan's friends in London to place before him certain needs of Oxford in which he would, I think, be interested." Etc.

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