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To J. Mac

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Hainid. ^{CUS 917/111} ³⁵⁶
Naples, ^{in route to}
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Dear Mac:-

We have had a wonderful trip in a wonderful country--4½ weeks on the S.S. ^{Sati} ~~Sito~~, such comforts and luxuries. Our dragoman, a burly Arab, was great fun. He had been to Mecca and had the ^{privilege} ~~knowledge~~ of getting up at 4 A.M. to say his prayers. "Me" he said, "Me have just four kings, cold water, cigarettes, my home and my prayers". He proved a splendid manager and knew everything. There is much in Cairo of medical interest, though the Hospital is old and dirty. I saw scores of cases of Bilharzia and Loos showed me a remarkable set of anchylostoma specimens. The ^{teaching} ~~treatment~~ is good - all in English, but they have not the clinics well arranged and the clinic laboratories are ----? Even Loos, who has done so much, has a miserable place. Phillips is a good fellow, very much in earnest, but tied up in general practice. Day and Richards are first class juniors. Rheumatism and chorea are rare. Typhoid is common and tuberculosis the wards seemed full of much the same old cases. Bilharzia and hookworm making the exceptional features. All along the Nile one could see the pot-bellied, anaemic children and men. At Assouan there were 10 bad cases of hookworm anaemia, several with dropsy. The Government should undertake a crusade ~~has~~ has been done in Porto Rico, but it looks hopeless as every one in Egypt goes barefoot and they splash about in the irrigation canals. It is a land of contrasts--the men work so hard and the land is so fertile, but they all live like pigs in their mud villages. The English are thoroughly hated, but they are not fit for self government and if we got out Germany would be in before a year had passed. She would make them wake up. I was followed by a number of old patients. [James Ross of Montreal] who has had ~~proseus~~ ^{proseus} on his trachea for the past five years, had a bad attack of pleuro-^{pericarditis}, possibly from infection through an obstructed bronchus. He must have dilated aorta or an aneurism which has ^{grown} into the lung. No physical signs except flatness in intrascapular region and diminished air ^{entrance}. Broadbent and Barlow diagnosed aneurism five years ago. When I saw him seven years ago there was aortic insufficiency, which is still present, of course, and I left him better. He had Kendall of Sydney with him, his old

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doctor and a very nice fellow. Remarkable paraplegia from ^{dislocation} ~~distention~~ of sacro-lumbar. case in which Cushing operated.. They ^{fixed up} next ^{as} on ^{an} evening for a consultation. I am writing Cushing about him. Very extraordinary case. Very exceptional Raynaud's at Luxor and aboard is [Wm. Cassatt of Philadelphia] with the Pel-Elstein type of Hodgkin's--only very acute, less than six weeks duration. I hope he will get home in time. He is very bad in the febrile period and has those interesting skin rashes which we have seen in a few cases and which Rolleston has described.

I hope to be back by April 1st and must settle to hard work on the book. We should go to press January 1st which would enable them to have it out comfortably by October 1912--the 20th anniversary of the first edition.

By the way, the Higginbothams were at Luxor and we saw a good deal of them. He had a cable about the death of his mother. I am sorry to see that Hurd has resigned--not on account of ill health I hope. I see too you are having a bad time with diphtheria--seems an unusual thing now-a-days in a general hospital.

I have kept very well. I rather dreaded the trip as I have occasional twinges on the right side as if there were still rocks about but I did not feel the donkey rides.

Then on the very long trip ^U E.B. and I took sand carts. We had six weeks of bright sunshine so I am brown as an Arab. One day it was 92°. Going up it was 38° one morning at 8 A.M. and I ^{sat} in my fur coat all day. The cool north-west wind blows every day--when the south-west comes it brings sand from the desert and what is called a Khamsin ^{is} -- a yellow dust over everything.

This is a very comfortable boat--we reach Naples on the 25th and after a couple of days ^{on} ^{Russ' yacht} I shall move on and get to Oxford about April 1st.

Yours ever,

W.O.

^U E.B. - his mother.