

Diary 2

Travel to Egypt, 1906-1907

Voyage of the "Stella".

FROM CAIRO TO LUXOR AND
RETURN TO CAIRO, WINTER

OF
1906-1907.

Grandfather. Grandmother. Joe and Cornelia. Rebecca and Frances. and Jeanette arrived in Egypt from Venice November 4 1906. Some of us stayed in Cairo. the rest at Helwan. while Grandfather and Joe hunted for Dahabeyahs up and down the banks of the Nile - plenty of Dahabeyahs - but all too dear for us - at last when Joe had planned to go to Assuan to take the old "Abou Simbel" - we heard through Michael Casira a Greek Antiquity merchant in Cairo. that a countryman of his one. Georges Spiliotti had a good boat the price of which came somewhere near our figures - and while Joe and Cornelia were at Sakkara spending Sunday with the Lubell's Grandfather went to see the boat. and telegraphed to Joe. that it was a lucky find.

The "Stella" is much bigger than any boat we have ever had before and there is plenty of room in her for us all. with a possible guest - Rebecca is to have a room to herself opposite Grandfather's. while Frances and Jeanette have the large room in the stern.

The Greek. Spiliotti - is a sharp. hard. miser. and a Greek to boot. a combination hard to beat. and we didn't beat him - after many interviews in his shop [opposite Shephard's] we at last came to an understanding and

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1901.

We came to anchor at sundown near Es-Saf. and the next day Monday 26th a strong South wind kept us all day lying there in a poor position - which we bettered towards sunset by crossing the river. a fierce rain squall was an unpleasant feature of the afternoon.

Tuesday 27th South wind. Joe and Cornelia, Rebecca and Grandma and Dovie. Took a long walk. and we spent a lazy day at Kaf. Amar

Ramla

Dovie found at Cairo a small boy named Mahomet Abdal Russell from Sheccal whose uncle had left him alone in Cairo and gone to Alexandria. The boy wanted to go home and we consented to take him. Later we found that he could read and write Arabic and was very smart and quick to learn -

Abdallah put in an appearance one day only and then took to his bed where he stayed in the dark until to night when it was decided to send him home as far as Suez with Joe who went on the night train

Wednesday 28th Another day with a south wind

7th day

Thursday 29th Another day of South wind
We are getting rather tired of this place
Only small villages near and poor place for
supplies - Market day today & Dore is up trying to
get some meat etc. The Reis has finished his
awning & so much is done & well. I hope
of a good day tomorrow the day closes —

Friday 30th And another day at Kafir-Amar

Strong wind storm from the South.

The crew are getting uneasy at the delay as
they are hired for a month only (as we suppose)
and as they mostly live up the river they wish
the extra time after arriving at Suxor, to be with
their homes. Yesterday the writer amused himself
making a box for Joe's canvases and today
he made Tiney's house - of card board - but no
sooner was it done than the wanted front door
shimmy - glass windows - steps - bath tub for dolls
etc. truly one want makes another.

Dore made a trip to Wosta for bread. Rained again
last night.

9th
day
1 mile

Saturday Dec. 1st This day opens with a beautiful sunrise and a light wind from the South which however soon died out and the men took to tracking at 7:30 A.M.
12 o'clock The south wind overtook us and at this hour we find ourself looking out of a window at the mud bank at which we are moored only about a mile from our starting place. West wind

And the day ends under the lee of the same mud bank.

10th day
1 mile

Sunday Dec. 2^d

Today we made about another mile. and such is the way of living on the Nile.

11th day
1 mile

Monday Dec 3^d

This day commenced fair with no wind at all until about 3 P.M. when a light breeze from the West set in but soon died out after our start and this night we are moored on an island across the river about half a mile from the start. West wind

10th day

Tuesday Dec. 4th And another South wind
It's getting monotonous. Dowie walked up
to Port Said (across the river) to send a tel. to Joe
but it was refused as orders were that ~~that~~
office was "closed to European Correspondence"
Must try tomorrow at Wasta if we get there.
Mother and the Reis, saying cards at my table don't
improve my handwriting.

11th day
8 AM

Wednesday Dec. 5 Day opens with the
usual South wind. About 4 pm. it died
out and the men took to tracking and —
we made another mile. — Rain —

The sent Dowie and Yusoff to Wasta to
try to get a telegram to Joe and find
more to add to report in case of rain.

The Reis says that this weather
was expected at Cairo and that Prof.
Lyce and others were waiting for it
to blow out — We are ahead of them
and saving hotel bills in Cairo. If that is
any consolation.

14th day

Thursday Dec. 6. Day opens with a strong wind from the South - east storm and so passes the day.

Dowie returned about 4 P.M. - over a day waiting to hear from Joe - no answer to our telegram - don't understand it.

We must wait until we get to Fashan. Hassan was possessed with the spirit of the devie and the others said men go to sleep in the little felucca. G'Ma was somewhat alarmed but we heard nothing more.

15th day

15 miles

Friday Dec 7 Day opens still and fair with light air from the west we ran out anchor several times across the river and finally put out the sails around 11 am. making headway up the river.

Mr David's boat is being towed past us going up - too far off to recognize anyone but a handkerchief was waved from a window.

We hope the handkerchief is broken.

We made about 15 miles today and parked after miles above Fashan - East bank.

16th day

46 miles

Saturday Dec 8. The day opens fair with a good wind from the North which kept increasing until it was almost a gale and which boreled us along finely and we reached Frcken by 6 o'clock P.M.

We found postac card at P.O. from Joe mailed some letters and telegraphed to Joe to answer at Makagah

17th day

19 miles

Sunday Dec 9 Day opens fair but no wind
Some trouble getting an early start.
10.11 A.M. we made a start with a fair wind and reached Makagah at 3.15 where we found a post card and a telegram from Joe giving us two weeks later news from him - from thence with a failing wind we fetched up at Sharona about 6 miles further on - after dark. Being tired of doing nothing the old folks went to bed early and so ends this day.

18th day

11 miles

Monday Dec 10 The day opened bright at sunrise a heavy mist put in with an gloomy look

18th continued

Dec 10. Mother picked up a Coptic friend in a white nightgown who escorted her through the village and visited two or three churches & a private house. I and Dowd in the mean time was interviewing two of the Sheiks.

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I think the crew has a sheep somewhere about.
1 P.M. Stopped tracking and tea up.

The sheep above mentioned turns out to be a fish a yard long which one of the sailors caught.

Progress about half a mile.

And here we rest for the night unless a good wind comes & if so the red wind is blowing.

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Charcoal getting short, not able to find any.

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20th day

34 miles

Wednesday Dec 12 Day opened still but at 9 o'clock
with increasing North ^{W.E.W.} wind we start.

After working hard poling and light winds help
about 9 o'clock we made just a few miles
below Mineah.

21st day

20 miles

172 miles

Thursday Dec 13 Fair and still until
10.30 when a good wind came up and
we made a start. 12.30 arrived at Mineah
and as we are out of charcoal, are obliged
to stop and mourn to see the good wind go
bye - and for us wasted - Malish -

Stores are bought by both Crew & passengers
and at 2 P.M. we are again off for Suxor.
At 7.30 we moored about a mile above
Beni Hassan on the West Bank

22nd day

Friday Dec 14 Day opens fair. H.A.C.O. Str
Nubia went up early this am. Traversing a native boat
8.00 a.m. we start - tracking - to get around a curve.
Fair wind all day but very crooked river. Made landings about
two miles above Tel el umana. At 8 o'clock all a-bed except Janette.

Deir ^{must}
Dair ^{or} Muass
At village called Niccio Giris (?)

23rd day

no men
that would
work
- still -
no wind

24th day

no men -
that would
work

Deir must
now wind
still

Saturday Dec. 15th Mostly a still day
what wind there was was Southerly
The men refused to track and nothing
was to be done but to work away at it

Sunday Dec 16th Day opens quiet - no wind
He ask the Captain to leave the boat & moved
a short distance up stream to a better place
as this bank we are at is high ^{and dusty} and hard
to climb. Three of the men absolutely refuse
to work - claiming a money dispute and when
the Capt threatens to discharge them at once
most of the others say they would be afraid to
go on without them and they would leave.

5 of our crew of 12 we have the two Rais
two sailors - cook and our own men - nothing

and now we are the Rais has gone to a
village some way off to see the Moudir
and see what can be done.

Hope we will have no trouble but am ready
for it if it must come. Juskhallah

24th
Continued

Sunday Continued

Dec. 16 Instead of paying the men 1½ £ the Mondeir ordered that they had paid 100 P.T. and discharged which leaves us here short of men to get to Assistant and for which we blame the Mondeir in as much as the mean time of our mouth had not expired. If we get a good wind we will try to get to Assistant where with the help of a ship and a new crew which the Capt. will get we hope to continue our Voyage.

25th day
no crew
Dear Mrs.
- still idling -

Monday 17 ^{the} opens quiet with light S to E. winds and so continues through the day.

This makes 8 days sailing

1 " at Helowne

16 " idle or tracking a mile or so day in all 6 miles

25 Dec 17 in succession

I think the days we lie here no men or they refusing to work should be deducted from our time at the end if we so desire

26th day
no crew
5 m. 15
Dir. N.
S. East
after we had
left wind came
from north

Tuesday Dec. 18 One month of boat gone and we are
still at Dior Dros. Douie & the gov. decide to go
to Assuit & try to get word to Joe - train goes at 11.45
but is 1½ hours late. we got at ~~Assuit~~ with a
Sailor whom the Capt. sent to get more crew - I doubt his
ability to do so. He got about 40 letters and several of
clippings - no worse from Joe later than Dec.
10. Douie & Douie went swimming at Dior Dros - about

9 P.M. we Yuseff & Capt. who agreed to meet us there - we
got a boat & a raft who led us a course of 1½ hrs. of
bridges & ditches & danna fields & at last we arrived where
we had left the boat in 8° m. "What shall we do"
We go to the little mud village & try in vain to wake
any one up at last a 7½ hr old
old fellow furnishes us with a light and 3-
blankets & sleeping outside the door are got to bed,
I am to at 3 a.m. Douie at 5 a.m.

8.00 The old guy to his daughter to put a large by
hand on her head - he takes the same package of clothes
& we wait & the station an hour to come.

"We some rations & the bread has been our fare,

26 cont'd dec 18 We go up to Deirout to chance finding the boat and succeed finally

What the ladies have to say I hear but think they have written sometime - Certainly they must have been worried - I knew nothing about moving the boat until after we were in the train for Assuit except that it was said that if the wind would permit the Capt would move the boat further up to a better place & nearer the Station & that he would do so at the telegraph office

27
no crew
18 miles
under
mid fair

Wednesday Dec 19 - ~~Dinner~~ - ~~Wm~~ & Ousul

It seems that the wind being good the Capt took the liberty without consultation to start the boat with practically no crew - left no word at the Station - but was in hopes to reach Deirout in time to telegraph us at assuit of the change - but unfortunately he got into a place just before reaching Deirout - which when reached he rushed up to the RR Station in hopes to get us out of the Cars there - but he was too late - a miscalculation & misadventure. 11:15 am we start from Deirout and make about 18 miles

28th day

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bad rest of day

2 Reis & 1 man & boy

rest of day 2 Reis 4 men & boy

wind fairly good
but had to track

Thursday Dec. 20 We left Umm El Ouseil at 6.30 fair but light wind - we found very bad sailing - the course was nearly a double letter S, at about 11 miles just at the last of the mountains we found Dufordi with two sailors that the had not yet arrived.

Yesterday while Dowie & the Gov. was away & the vessel was sailing off ground just before reaching Dufordi - see the women on board helped work out of the water & the men dried themselves, tearing & wetting their clothes but succeeded to dry the Capt & Yself with some difficulty - I turned the boat a long way while the Gov & Mahomet & the cook rolled when needed - we all have worked our passage so far -

The landed about 3 miles below the dam at Assal or dusk - The Dahabiyah Dongola belonging to an Austrian Prince came up behind us after dinner the Gov. changed his shirt & costume and with Dowie & a visiting card made him a call and was nicely received - He was 12 days from Cairo He offered any help he had & even offered to loan me money.

29th day

2 Rain 2 min
2 hardy
just below 2 sec.
light fair wind

Friday Dec 31 Early this A.M. all hands took hold and we made a start with the small sail only finally we reached the draw of the bridge the big sail being let loose as the wind was failing - we went through all right and there on the bank was Joe who had been chasing us down the river for two days - we were all very glad to see him.

We moored at the bank some way above the bridge. The two sailors then left us - the money question being the matter as is usual.

P.M. Mother & I went to find the Am. consule to have him witness the deed Aunty sent us - He had just gone to Cairo for two weeks - He is called the richest man in these parts and lives in a fine house beautifully furnished & laid out gardens.

His brother & wife who both spoke excellent English entertained us with coffee cigarettes & flowers & wanted to take their carriage to give us a drive about the town which we

29th day
Continued
Assist

29th were obliged to decline - we may
see them in Luxor later as they expect to
go there - very nice about helping us to get men
I did not trust the man here to put
String in my watch - so bought a clock as
XMa present for boats accommodation
& Dec gets his gold watch as promised
Telegraphed owner of boat & his reply
is Capt must get men - Capt Cook left.

Saturday
Dec 23rd No men - telegraphed ^{early} to
owner that matter was serious and for
him to come up at once - We await his
reply - It's too bad that our Consul is
absent just at this time. We have given
owner time to get here at about noon. It appears that
by assistance of Rai, if am. Consul he has obtained
six men but as he did not tell of we supposed it was
at least night when he said he had no men - so we telegraphed
Great disturbance in the boat - ^{Capt.} Cook left -
Owner telegraphed "Why we wanted him - hope it has
been arranged - The Capt. ought to have told us

Dec 22 cont
still to fair wind

Dec. 22 Saturday Capt sent to Orono for money
by telegraph but owner said it would come by post
New crew will not come aboard until the money
comes - bread making on the river.
(Capt. Cook was down with his mother who wanted
him to go with us - he refuses & goes off "impulsive".

Avg wind
at 10⁰⁰
good wind
3.000 - 7.2 men
2 " △ 8 "

Sunday Dec. 23 Day opens clear with brisk
North wind which held through the night
which was good Moon and this wind we
could & probably would have put in a
good run if the Capt. once had had
his way about the money from Cairo.
11.30 New crew of 6 men came aboard with
bread - Capt. Cook refused to go.
And off we go. the Austrian Barca "Dongola" is
not present but I venture the statement that we are
to be visited to night. But with only one
sail up - they could not go slow enough and soon
passed us towing & saluting. Made about 4 miles
an hour by a lee line. 6 o'clock off Gizeh - 7 o'clock arrived

31st day cont.

29 miles
from
Assau's

32nd day
6 am
17 miles
by night

Dec. 23 At about 9 P.M. after heavy and laborious pulling & poleing we got into deeper water when our line broke and we thought our anchor gone but by skillful management it was secured - one of the men stripped and went under for it.

At 11. I retired - the boat under sail - at 2 was awokened by the mens cries while poleing 1.30 off again - have just passed what I suppose is the Dongola tied up at the bank.

Monday Dec. 24 6 AM. finds us quite near Maracha - steer as now here this makes the fourth time last night.

12.15 The Dongola passed us just above Sohag amidst great excitement - a native boat getting in both of our ways.

We kept on until 2 AM. with a failing wind, & reached within four miles of Nag Hamadi

38^o day

Tuesday Dec 25 Christmas day opens with no wind to speak of we got some milk and began to ~~pole~~^{8am} The Children had their stockings hung and when dressed in their white clothes they came out in great excitement to see what Santa Claus had left. They said "when are the other presents that he has" but on the whole they were very well satisfied and enjoyed passing to the crew candy cigarettes &c to the crew who passed the usual thanks.

With calm and puffs of wind we kept in motion most of the day. We had an exciting time colliding with a native boat which tried to cross our bow. The native should require wind enough to run side our side of property.

We reached the R.R. bridge at Toghtamandy early in the night

34th day

High Hamada

Wednesday Dec 26th Day opens with light South Wind (our same old friend who hates to leave us) We have through the bridge at 8 a.m. & moor just below the Dragola - The Baron & his deck make us a cup before we are hardly runned & invite us to a walk or to go aboard his boat. She is a fine one and very comfortable but would not be large enough for us.

35th day

High Hamada

Thursday Dec. 27 Day opens quiet.

The Baron took a tug this am at 6 - & left. He priced a tug to Luxor 15£ and 10£ to Komua and we told them to go to -- - The wind at night face was Westerly and we had hopes but it did not give the breeze so Joe takes the train at 8:30 for Luxor and we remain in Hamada.

36th day

Friday Dec 28 Day opens light wind S.E. - at 8 o'clock we took rope & freedom until about 10:30 - Our old friend Alohi passed us in a tug. He is Captain now and

36 ("day cont")

is employed at Ema at the building of the new R.R. bridge there. At 1 o'clock a gentle breeze struck in from the North and we sailed

We reached and went around the bad water. A more serious quarrel occurred between the two Reis. I pity our Reis he is not having a very good time and so far into this time has kept his temper very well.

We pegged along with a light wind and about dark Jusseff was sent ashore to buy victuals. The Reis said that if we had a good wind he did not wish to delay in the morning. We drifted some way beyond the small village and began to think that something had happened to him - the sailors said so and that it was a bad tame. But we sent the boat ashore and after a time he appeared. Not long after in trying to get beyond a point of land with light wind the current carried us off a back and we collided with a native freight boat which was very close under our stern - we took on board a man

36 cont'd
near Tan.

with our socks about parted and such again
and the stern outrigger of the ghezzor went clear
through our "cook shop" scaring its toes as well as
all hands. We then tied up for repairs at ~~water~~ 8 P.M.

There seems to be a large village across the
river with perhaps 100 dogs and 5 children to each one
all barking and shrieking - having a fantasia
perfect balance. On the whole an exciting day.

37th day

Saturday Dec. 29 This day opens fine with a
light westerly wind and as far as it goes is good
for us - By poling tracking & the wind we make
a mile or so and at 10 o'clock we are again fast
to the mud on the opposite bank and by good
luck avoided running into any boats but the banks
suffered some. At 9 P.M. we are sailing along
finely and approaching Kenna and hope to make a
good run tonight. So far only 3 Sahabiyahs have passed
us up $\frac{1}{2}$ with steam and $\frac{1}{2}$ down us with steam.

Where is Prof Syce? - We sailed all night with
a light wind and at 6.30 anchored opposite Ballas
in a house most welcome for milk.

38th day
at Dallas
in Am.

Koss P.M.

Sunday Dec. 30 Day opens fine but with a light wind which we hope will strengthen as the day goes on.
8.0? We start slowly and by sailing - poling and tracking with a failing wind at 3.30 we reach Koss where we expect to spend the night unless a good wind comes up, in which case we will start. Coming over I and 3 men took a long walk to the station and wireless for our position.

39th day

Koss 11.6.1.
P.M.

Monday Dec. 31st This day opens still with no wind only a little air from the East at noon. 9 o'clock we take to the rope & pull for an hour or so and then stop at another mud bank just around a corner! 6.15 A puffy West wind put in and we started off with great delight in hopes of reaching Luxor this year. Dowie has festooned the upper deck with Sweet branches & palm leaves so it looks like a German beer garden. Wind failing we came to anchor at 8.30 - in hopes.—

40th day
between Koss &
Kigam

Tuesday Jan 1. 1907 Light Easterly wind 8 am started - sailed & poled & tracked 10.30 got into a "hook" of course

41st day
Cont'd

Tues. Jan 1, 1907 "Cont'd" and had to pull back
Backing and filling all day and trying to get
over all the hooks in the river, with occasional
puffs of smoke from the boat at 6 o'clock we are taken
up temporarily at the shore in sight of Luxor and
by guess 4 miles distant - no milk, whisky, chickens
or any thing else provided for dinner and we
are all pretty luffey and generally disgruntled.
Our upper deck is all festooned for the day and it
will be a fast number when we get up.

After the moon arose we had an East wind and
tried it again but the wind soon died out and
we may crossed the river and came to anchor
The have alone our old st but can't fetch it.

41st day
2 miles North Komai
Luxor

Wednesday Jan 2 Day opens little and Soriably
the commence to track about 8 am - all houses
except Eufordy who has gone to Luxor for bread for
cow & I give tobacco for this.
About 11 am. Joe & Eufordy came aboard and
soon after we moored at Luxor & the voyage up is
finished.

J wrote down sketches for J

Joe

Notified Reis Feb 1 that we leave 26th for Cairo
 Jan 3 commenced taking mule at Luson

		Feb 16th
"	Crew left	Pim-pulley came
"	Jannette left for Alexandria	25 miles
"	Leaving of Hassan	
Feb. 2	Abdullah came	Stopped 40 miles + away
	2 men left	only Reis left on board
3	Reis & Mafardi	left boat for good
4	only Capt	
5	Capt + 1 man	
"	do	
"	do	
8	7 men came	Nm

Thursday

2nd day
to Dishner

3rd day

The Return

Tuesday Feb. 26 At 2:30 we cast off and with a light South wind we started, leaving Joe - Some visitors and the rabbits disconcerted behind us. A gaffer called for watching the boat asked for backsheef, but as it was the first time I had seen him I did not respond to his desires - Jannette left us this am. early ~~that afternoon~~ As the Reis wishes to stay a day at Naghamadi to make bread he rowed till about 11 P.M. making about 45 miles and put up opposite Kuss

Wednesday Feb. 27 Day opens still and warm As one overtook him last night is passed us just as we started. ^{about} 8 o'clock no wind & he had. After rowing an hour or so a good South wind came up and we sailed to Kenna (1/2 mile) when wind lapsed. 6 P.M. we passed Dishner - Sailors sent for mict. 7-30 we tied up at bank a mile or so below.

Thursday Feb. 28 Left the shore at 6 1/4. no wind). 11 o'clock at Naghamadi.

4th day

March 1

Friday Feb 29 Left Naghamadi at 6¹⁵ am.

Crew brought the bread aboard and with a
gentle South wind we wind our way,
No answer to tel. to Mr. Wigall.

12.30 a few miles South of Balliana a strong
North wind took us to the bank where we
now are and remain over night

5th day

March 2

Saturday Feb 30 Open fair light North wind

Cast off at 6.45 & proceeded across the
river where a strong gust of wind put us ashore
after much noise we got off and not being able to go
on we came to anchor at 8 o'clock. where we are
2.53 Dowie & I walked over to Abu Concha?

and took train to Balliana - telegraphed to
Joe re' got answer and returned to above
place where by orders left, if they could the
boat was to find us, it was well as we gained
a few miles and saved my old bones a long
and bad walk - thanks be -

6th day

Sunday March 3 Day opens quiet and we take the oars at 6 am, in two hours we reach Baliana and proceed. 9 o'clock a strong North wind comes up and to avoid going ashore on the wrong side of the river - as usual - we come to anchor in mid-stream a mile or two below Baliana.

Quite a sea came up and the R's up-side and made for the other side of the river - 1st the main shat broke - then the felucca went adrift then the shore line parted in which seemed natural - I know of one good rope on this craft

7th day

Monday March 4 Day opens quiet at 5 am We started and by good luck reached Girga just before the strong North wind came up at 10 o'clock. We then all went to the station and met Mr and Miss McDonald who is to be our guest to Cairo. After lunch Bonina Miss McDonald drove 12 sailors & myself went across the river and up the hill to see some old tombs.

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8th day

Tuesday March 5 - Fair day with light North wind. We started about 5 a.m., and after a good but uneventful day we made 27 miles and moored at Sohag just above Mr. Davis'. The men worked so well that we gave them the money to buy a sheep - hoping that they will be strengthened for more exertions.

9th day

Time

Wednesday March 6 The Sheep arrived.

This day opens quiet - we started about 6 by 9 o'clock a South wind helped us along. The Bedouin started before us and keeps just ahead perhaps a mile.

This P.M. the wind failed us but by hard rowing at moored on the west bank about 33 miles from Sohag. One of our sailors took a bad cold at Giza and has been ill ever since - we must send him home at earliest if he gets no better. Asked for brandy which is unusual

10th day

Thursday March 7 Day opens quiet - we start about 6 am, Mr. Davis earlier and having reached a place last night where the water was swifter he has joined upon us. The German Baron de Force(?) Dababigh Dougola passed us down toward by A.A. Barge Str Arab. We stopped a while (by wind) at a small Arab town Barn Karus & then headed out & drifted for a mile and then put up at noon for good. Strong North wind. Our sailor man seems to be better.

11th day

Friday March 8 Day opens light wind from north We start rowing about 5:30 - blown ashore - get off bang along - about 10 Dowie goes ashore to talk to Abu Tig for bread - then we get a bad stick - pull - name - haley haley - ropes and blocks break - finally get off and drift toward A.T. then on until 8:30 we passed Mr. Davis's boat and moored on the opposite side of river and about 7 miles above Asuit -

12th day

Saturday March 9 Day opens fair - we start just after Mr. Davis at 6³⁰ & arrive at Assuit about 10 - pay visit to Am. Consul execute papers and take carriage to the bazaar where we bought several things and were on coming back to the boat. The Risi concludes to go home to Cairo as his eyes are in very bad shape and he needs immediate treatment, ^{He does not go} we go through the bazaar at 4 o'clock & proceed a few miles

13th day

Sunday March 10 Start about 6 - no wind - about N - wind from South which freshens to strong which bowed us along to 3 or 4 miles below Monfalt where a sharp turn in the river makes the wind a side wind and we ^{10³⁰ moor. We think it poor judgment as by the rope and pushing off from the shore we ought to fairly easily get around the point if perhaps a mile then find a good wind to Leicht.}

11.45 we warp across the river - the rope breaks before we get away from bank - old boat sound on bottom I think but broken on top - ropes & blocks also and rotten. 1³⁰ start rowing the - wind having abated

13th Cont'

Sunday March 10 ^{Cont'd} we get round point & wind
Lauling to West we are forced to anchor in Mud Stream.
4 o'clock. we row to & make fast to Bank in a gale.

14th day

Monday March 11 Start at 7 drift a mile and stay ^{Stop 9}
Stop at 9 1/2 and struck ³⁰ Ell 1/2 row till 6 not a long
trip in distance.

15th day

Tuesday March 12 Start at 6 quit - rowed down
past Sir Moies and at 12 o'clock struck when quite
near the landing at Le Amara, soon after get
off - eat our lunch and all but mother take donkeys
minus stirrups & bridles and hardly any saddles and visit
the North tombs on returning visit the Palace which
being near the boat Mother & Dovie visited - had a
call from the Head man who wanted the usual
medecines -

16th day

Wednesday March 13 Start at 6 - drifting. D & Dovie
left at Malari for town
arrived at Rhode 2 PM went to station & saw for the W
GO-BY started on at 4 - men got a sleek. Arrive at
Beni Hassan at 7:25 at upper landing

17th day

Beni Hassan
Samalut

Thursday March 14 Start at 6 get early breakfast. Mother Kindy stays with kids the rest take donkeys, mnis bridles & stirrups & with the old Skook for guard - visit the N. tombs & Rock temple return to boat & start at 10³⁰ with gentle air from the South Arrive at Minea about 2⁰⁰ and found Joe & Mrs W. left Miss McDonald - lost 2 hours of good wind & proceeded to Samalut for the night

18th day

Friday March 15 Start at 6 - rowing - about 9 we aground - get off and the wind blows us ashore where we remain all day watching native boats - tugs & dabbagh, get stuck off. We are near the mouth of Eilee et-Ter

19th day

Saturday March 16 Day opens fair - Start early soon after a gentle breeze from the South 11³⁰ blown ashore near (18th day up) Coptic church place off on again - 4⁰⁰ another start for boats & water jars

20th day

Sunday March 17 Day opens still - we make an early start rowing soon a fine South wind but just below Farcken we got aground with a lot of natives - ropes break - we pull shawl for about 3 hours finally at 1 we get off & with a fair wind seek for other shoals & at 2nd Stop at Bitta for rest and to enquire the way at 4 we start again & pass many "stuck boat" and haul up at 7 a few miles above Beni Souif

21st day

Monday March 18 Day opens fair - rowing off Beni Souif ran aground - looked serious for a while but we got off and a fair wind coming up we made good progress until 11th the wind forced us ashore on S. bank where we remained till 5th the wind seemed fair but the River was afraid (?) to go on before

22^d

Tuesday March 19 Day opens quiet - start 6 - meet Str. with Mrs. Gauger & family with letter intimation from Mr. Kelley - venture cases. At 3rd we moored at place we left on 15th day up

23rd day

Wednesday March 20 Started early - went out to middle of the river and then put back - Strong North gale all day

24.
night at
at Ayatt

Thursday March 21 Started about 4¹⁵ am being out of bread the crew are trying to get to some town where it can be procured.

Goddard went ashore after making some miles waiting hour or so put out into the stream & then went back - gained 10 ft. or so. The man went to next town in hopes of getting bread after getting 50 P.Y. out of us. At 4 PM we start again till 7³⁰

25th day

Friday March 22 Day open still - Start at 6 by 7 Light mist from South 11³⁰ put jashore at Bedrashem - At 3³⁰ we anchor in front of the draw of the new bridge at Cairo which they say does not open until 10 tomorrow. 11 minutes after this writing the draw opened - we went through and moored a mile S. of our old place but are promised a better place tomorrow and the Voyage ends at 4.20 —

New Crew

		Cook
Nasseen	(Sptm stay went Äle')	Tufik
Seliman		
Hassan		
Halleel		
Abdu en niem	{ Mahomet Abdu jadid aburiah? }	stay went stay
	Sad ed deen	

- 1st Reis Mahomet Enoye
 2^o Reis Hassen Ayne
-

Old Crew

1 st Reis	Mahomet Enoye
2 ^o " "	Ausman
Abraham	Hassen - yellow turba
Saide	Hassen - one eye Red.
Yuseff	Mahomet - tall
Eufandi	Mahomet - dark
Abdelard	Tofek cook
