### THE SINAL EXPEDITION.

#### \* PROFESSOR PETRIE'S REPORT.

Prof. Plinders Petrie writes as follows to the

"Times":

Sir,—The saidier part of the work of this expedition, at Wady Maghan, has been already tated in the "Times" (January, 1906), but the lated in the "Times" (January, 1906), but the sate part of the work at Sarahit el Kladem as proved much the longer and more important. This temple is situated in the desert, at distance of fire days eamel journey form. Though discovered in the middle of the glotter of the days of the days and the said of the late of the days and sate of the days of the a finishing to three days, teams primary general and a finishing the control of t

investment and many hundreds of feet above the select valley which lies to the north of it. The shole plateau is deeply divided by precipitous gozes, so that it is reduced to a row of tongues of land. To ascend the plateau from its edge is difficult, and to tedious for daily work; to live on the plateau is impractical, as it is seyend the reach of camel transport for water; availey was therefore chosen which winds gradually upward from the south, and is not on any map or record hitherto made, though well known to the Bolavin. At the head of this valley the camp was pitched; and a climb of a few hundred feet every day, up the natural staircase of the sandstone mountain side, led the workers to the comple are desired from the control of the sandstone mountain side, led the workers to the comple are desired from the sandstone mountain side, led the workers to the comple are desired from a few feet of the workers to the comple are client is crowded with stone pillars, both natural and wrought, usually in connexion with a small selecter of rough stones. The system of visiting sacred sites in order to obtain oncealer dreams is familiar in Syria, and extended to Asia Minor and Egypt. Such a freem was commenourated by setting np a pillar as a memorial, of which a well-known case is that in the story of Jacob. Thas these Bethel stones are found usually in the stone three settlements grouped wall. But no memorials of the total stones have Egyption insertine at tolerable wall. But no memorials of the others of the stones have Egyption insertine.

shelter used by the pitigrim, which is sometimes a mere wind brask of a few loces stones, and sometimes a tolerable wall. But in no case are these shelters grouped together in the manner of huts for regular habitation. Some of the pillars or Bethel stones have Egyptian inscriptions of the XIIth dynasty, showing how early the system, prevailed; but most of them are natural blocks set on each. Such a system is quite unknown in Egypt.

The All though and the state of the state of the XIIth dynasty, show as a rook cave a total cased by the Egyptians to the goodess Hathor; but that name was commonly applied to any foreign goddess, and it is probably here a substitute for a local divinity of the native tribes. This cave was found to contain two large altrans dedicated under Senuert III. and Amenembal III. of the XIIth dynasty. It had been supposed that this cave had been a tomb, as there was an inscription for a high official on the side wall; but the same official inscribed the latter of the control o

all small, and apparently entirely roofed in.
They, seem most probably to have been intended
to accommodate pilgrims who came to sleep
before the shrine, seaking oracular dreams. One
chamber was partly occupied as a workshop,
and two large chiesel of bronze were found smid
the n sterial there. It is very strange how all of
these chambers were built with a stone lining
and then completely beried outside in a heap
of loose blocks, so that they had no external
walls. They thus formed an artificial prolongation of the ascerd cave, a plain and nature of
construction quite unknown in Egypt. This
temple, then, though built and inscribed by
Egyptians, is entirely on a foreign model; the
Bethels around it, the enormous mass of ashes tample, than, though built and insertibed by Exprisan, is entirely on a foreign model; the Bethels around it, the enormous mass of ashes of burnt sacrifices, the handford courts, and the subternancen chambers, apparently for pilgrims, all belong to Semitic enther than Egyptian worship. Neave here the only Semito temple preserved to us, and its armage-ments will need careful early in relation to The nurses of the Servitian excellibras

early Semitic worship.

The purpose of the Egyptian expeditions the was further ascertained. Not only Wady on Maghara but also Sambit to Khadem were by visited solely for turquoises. The ferruginous band under which the turquoises are found lies between the same varieties of sandstone at protein the same varieties of sandstone at protein the same varieties of the black grantie is composed, and this was the source of copper. In the bottom of the Wady Nash lies a mass of copper also about 500ft long, nearly as wide, and 6ft. or 8ft. thick. The ore was probably brought here from various mines in the valley, in order to use the fuel which graw by the spring in this spot.

The great mass of Egyptian inscriptions were copied in full size facalizing, the copied and the same and the

part of the substructure of a great fort, similar to the forts of Nankratis and Daphne. It will be a matter of great interest to see further whether this type of fort (which is only yet known in Greek sites) was an old Egyptian form. The age of the building must be accertained, and the connexion of it with the temple and other structures. The annual exhibition of the discoveries will be held at University College, Gower-strock, as usual during July.

Owing to the heavy expenditure of the last few years, the committee of the Egypt Explore tion Fund have been obliged to remonne the idea of excavating any fresh site before finishing the work on Deir el Bahr, in 1907 or later The Fund is therefore withdrawn from my work, which it has emported to day, the Egyptian Research Account the continuation of records will give a thorough view of the ast rangement of these expeditions, when they are analyzed and compared.

In front of this shrine was a great place of bornt offerings. Over more than 100th, in length extended a bod of white ashes, up to a fix and a half thick. No bones were found in this beek, but only some power of the pottony. Such a great mass of burning is uptime unknown in Egytfain temples. Beside this some small cylindrical altars of stone were found in the cave and in the court, one with burning on the top. of it; problet, the some small cylindrical altars of stone were found in the cave and in the court, one with burning on the top. of it; problet, the court for offering incomes.

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## SPORT AND PLAY.

### HELOUAN SPORTING CLUB.

Owners are reminded that subscriptions to Helouan big races; for the H.S.C. racing son 1905-1906 close to-morrow, 1st June.

A. S. C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

ssrs. Guarino and Cumming, will tak the 1st June, after which the pr various events will be presente

H: M. S. "GOLIATH" v. E.T.C.

A match was played between the above teams at Sorz on 24th inst. The E.T.C. winning the tose, elected to bat first, and compiled a score of 87: Islands chiefly to the latter making his runs in four strokes. The naval men, although starting bodly by losing three wickets for six runs, managed to come off-victorions, which was due to a fine stand by Rer. Essert as R. T. C. Scores :—

by Rev. Lester and Mr. Bean. So
M. W. Massey a. McKimon b. R.
H. F. Carpellon
T. A. Kime b. Ravlings.
C. Maynard b. Lester
G. D. Williams c. and b. Rawlings.
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A. G. Nosworthy b. Cochrane
T. A. Kime b. Rawlings.
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L. R. Degnora b. Lester

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B. T. C. r. Mr. DAWSON'S XI.
At the A. C. C. ground on Tuesday a match
was commenced between the E. T. C. and Mr.
Dawson's XI., which ended in a win for the
latter by 41 runs. For Mr. Dawson's XI., Sgt.
Burke did the "hat trick." Scores:—

Mr. Stacey, b. Morrison...
Cheesman, c. Davis b. Morrison...
Cheesman, b. Morrison. Blythman, b. Morrison.
Henley, b. Morrison...
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Harley, b. Burke
Harvey, b. Burke
Lovell, b. Burke.
Scarth, b. Burke.
Scarth, b. Burke.

Total...

Harley, c. A. N. Other, b. Burke ...
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Searth, c. Burke, b. Morrison ...
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Thurston, c. Dawson, b. Burke ...
Harvey, i.b.w, b. Burke ...
Millar, runout.
Healey, c. A. N. Other, b. Burke ...
Bythman, b. Morrison ...
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Mr. DAWSON'S XI.

Sgt. Barka, a. Blythman b. Henley
Cpl. Morrison, b. Saarth...

Cpl. Weever, c. Henley b. Blythman
Pta. Webb, b. Harvey...

Pta. Parker, c. Cheesman b. Blythma
Cpl. New, b. Blythman...

Mr. Dawson, c. Harvey b. Millar...

Mr. Dawson, c. Harvey, b. Millar...

Mr. Peaven, c. Thurston, b. Stage,
Genner Davia, c. Henley, b. Thurston

Mr. Peaven, c. Mr. Peav cey, b. Thurston

Total...

# Calendar of Coming Events

ALEXANDRIA.

Khediv'al Yacht Club. Regatta.
Windsor Hotel. Orchestra. 6 to 11 p.m.
Albambra. Italian operetta company in Gilda di Narbona. Sp.m.
Popolar-Conservatoire. Dramatid Performance by Ernesto Rossi Society. 9.15 p.m.

Motol Bean Rivage First Ball of season: 10 p.m. "Trotter Rights." Horse Show. 9.30 s.m. Rifle Range. Practice by B.R. C. 2.30 p.m. Gabbari, Figora Shooting, 2.30 p.m. Cricket. E. T. C. v. A. Mustapha XI. Commence at 2 p.m.

CAIRO.

Theatre des Ambassadeurs. 9 p.m.
Theatre des Nouveautés. 9 p.m.
Verdi Theatre Gatti's Circus. 9 p.m.
Esbekieh Theatre. Italian Comedy
Company. 9 p.m.

Zoological Gardens, Performas Ghizeh Boys' Band in after Rebekteh Gardens, Perfor by British Military Band. 11 p.m.

## ARMY AND NAVY

(FROM OUR CORRESPON

London, May 20. The following, officers are seconded for service in the Egyptian Army, Captains G. G. M. Blomfeld and D. V. H. Bengoegh, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and Lieutenant C. H. T. Lucas, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

the 4th of July.

Today at Chatham the first-class battle-ship "Africa" was launched. The "Christening" coremony was gracefully performed by the Marchinoses of Londonderry in the presence of a large and fashionable assembly. The "Africa" is of the "King Edward VII," type. She measures 457 feet in length, has a beam of 75 feet and a displacement of 16,350 tons. Her engines are of 18,000 h.p., and her armanent will include four 124-inch guas of the much eritidised wire wound type, mounted in pair in hooded harbettes, four 9.2 gens on the corners of the superstructure, ten 4-inch guas in the mainteek contral battery, four-sounders, two many contral battery, four-sounders, two many contral battery for the contral battery for the contral battery for the contral battery in the contral battery of 1717 officers and near. The waterline is proteyted by a 9 inch belt and the barbettes and other gun positions are beavily armoured. The contral battery is after the design of that of the Japanese battleship Mikasa. battleship Mikasa

The rumours which have been current for some time past regarding the removal of the BOyal Engineers from Chatam have been much exaggerated. So far as can be gathered, the authorities are merely looking for some more desirable training ground than can be found at Chatham; and for some time past inquiries in this direction have been made in Wates and elsewhere. Salisbory has now been fixed upon as most likely to fuffit the required conditions. But the more will laredly be felt at Chatham. The School of Military Engineering will be retained as the headquarters and depor of the diamounted branches of the corps, while the mounted services will remain at Aldershot as before. The rumours which have been current for

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Warwickshire Regiment.

Ch. H. T. Lozas, Royal Berkhire Regiment.

The swift and very severe punishment which gollowed the "regiring" case on the cruiser "Kant" (Captain, Camba) will not doubt put with the continuous contraction of the contr school that has been the cause of immense water of life and terrible disasters. These courses have been given during the last two years, and its peaks well for the intelligence of the future officers of the British ramy that they were theroughly interested in the subject and fully appearance to the subject included the value of the loctures. Now the War Office, for no appearent reason, has reduced the lectures to a number that makes anything like an adequate treatment of the subject included and story. South Africa is forgotten, and Massehipist in a long way off; why, then, trouble about things as to which Parliament and the public are alike indifferent 1. But the men to whose hands is entrasted the defense of the country seem to be smittan with blindness in regard to the health of the fighting machines under their direction.

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