

While I had been wandering around the village, and when all was quiet at the station, Milligan and his accomplice, "Jay," who was captured with me, had, of course, after their usual fashion, removed the coffin containing the corpse from the outer rough box to an adjacent ditch. Jay, who occupied the box, would have undoubtedly rifled the mails, while Milligan would cover the engineer and fireman.

On my coming, Milligan, no doubt, concealed himself near by.

When I was captured in his place, he, no doubt, considered himself very fortunate indeed.

The corpse which I had believed to be Robert Calton's was afterwards identified as that of a German stranger who was prospecting his recently purchased claim.

I had an opportunity of seeing Milligan shortly before he was hung. By a singular coincidence, I must myself admit, our faces and features closely resembled one another. Considering my likeness to Milligan, the circumstances against me and the tension of excitement public opinion was subjected to, it was by no means surprising that I was placed in such an unpleasant predicament.

So, you see, gentlemen, for a period of four days I was supposed to be the most desperate criminal in the Canadian West.

"Who, am I, anyway? The reason why I did not enlighten you sooner, gentlemen, was that if you knew my profession, something of a restraint would have rested upon this sociable party, and there is nothing I enjoy more than an evening spent in jovial company. I am not a detective. The train is stopping and this is my getting-off place, so before leaving you, permit me to introduce myself as the Rev. Dr. Middleton, of Christ Church, Boston."

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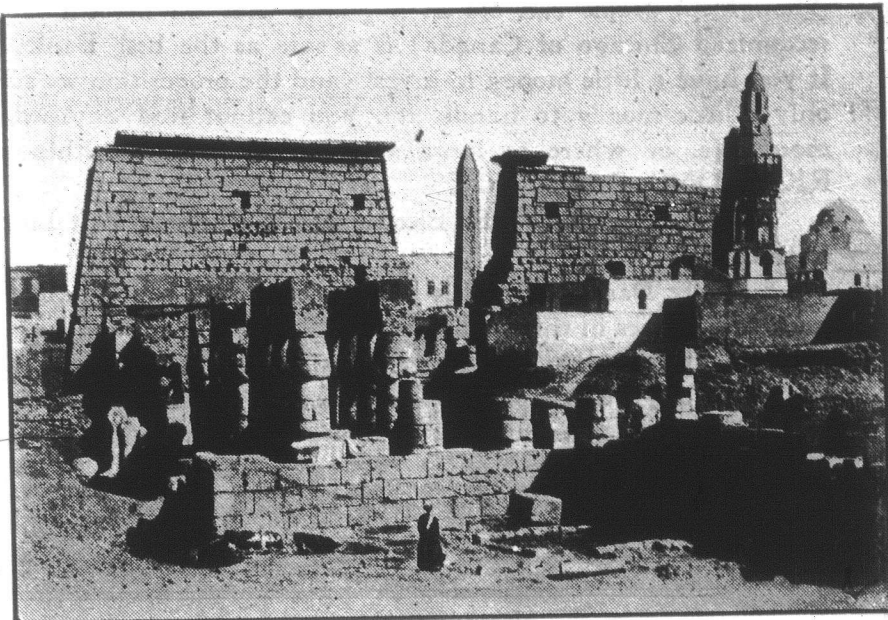
FROM CAIRO TO KARNAK

BY MRS. JULIA A. SYMINGTON

Luxor, 450 miles from Cairo, is a market town of some 2,000 inhabitants. Its Arabic name, El Kusur, it is said, means "the palaces." There are two excellent hotels that are frequented by Nile travellers in Cook's steamers, by invalids who remain during the winter season in the unequalled climate of Luxor, some for scientific purposes, some to say "they had been there." The grounds are spacious and beautifully shaded, and supplied with every comfort for even the transient tourist. A large trade is carried on in Luxor in antiquities, more or less genuine, and

were not antiquities, and a bronze Osiris said to have been dug out of the ruins of Luxor, 100 feet below the present elevation.

The road from Luxor to Karnak lies over a cultivated plain, sprinkled with scanty remnants of the ancient city. During our stay at Luxor donkeys and guides were provided for visiting and inspecting the chief places of interest. Among these the great Temple of Karnak, with the avenue of sphinxes, the propylea, the court, the great hall, the judgment hall of Osiris, the palace and great temple of Rameses III, the tombs



Ruins of the Grand Temple of Luxor.

extreme caution is necessary in purchasing these, even from vendors of official position and undoubted respectability. We bought two specimens of fly brushes and a souvenir spoon with a fair portrait of Rameses II, which

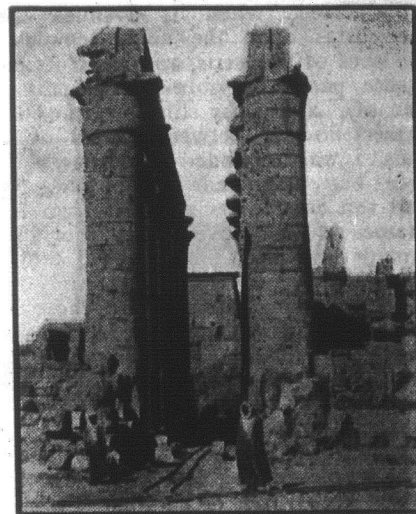
of the kings, etc. Many very amusing incidents occurred during the experiences of the tourists with the donkeys and the Arab boys, the drivers. Many of the ladies had never been on the back of any animal before, and had to be kept on their saddles by the strength of the arms of the driver, who patiently trotted by the side of his little donkey, often carrying an umbrella in one hand to protect the lady from the sun, while the other arm held her securely on the back of the patient little donkey. If the donkey boy gets mulish and his prospect is not promising for good "busksheesh," he, in his innocence, will just gently push the little animal against a stone wall or any obstacle that may be convenient, and the rider will go head foremost for some number of feet. No one was injured badly, but a few got bruises, and the donkey boy for his pay got what Cook & Sons gave them, which would be little enough for their long bare-footed tramp over the hot sands. Poor fellows, their life is hard and no prospect for a brighter future. The donkey is always named McKinley or General Grant or Lincoln, or some popular name for the American. I tried to get my driver to call mine Canada, but they invariably replied, "Ah! Allah! Aa," but could not remember it, and went back to McKinley.

After a short ride there lay Karnak darkening a whole horizon with portals, and pyramids and palaces. We passed under a noble archway and entered a long avenue of sphinxes. All their heads were broken off, but their pedestals remained unmoved since the time of Joseph. It must have been a noble sight in the palmy days of Thebes, that avenue of two hundred enormous statues, terminated by that temple. Yet this is only one of many—at least seven others. We rode through half a mile of sphinxes and then reached the temple, the splendor of which I shall not attempt to describe. The sphinxes faced each other and were about twelve feet long; many of them are destroyed and those that remain are in ruins. A grand portal opened into a vast court, crowded with a perfect forest of the most magnificent columns, 36 feet in circumference, covered with hieroglyphics

and surrounded by capitals, all of different patterns and richly painted. No two of the tourists could agree on the number of these apparently countless columns. Some made them 134, others 160. The central ones measure, it is said, 66 feet in height, exclusive of the pedestals. The temple itself is said to be a mile and three-quarters in circumference, the walls 80 feet high and 25 feet thick at the base. The roof is supported by 164 columns, twelve of which—six on each side—form a central avenue. The columns are round and literally covered with figures of kings, gods and goddesses, and royal cartouches. The lotus and palm-capitals are executed with fine taste and exquisite skill, the workmanship is delicate, and compares favorably with the finest in Greece, while the grandeur of the columns and temple excels every other temple on earth.

Passing through other pylons, the traveller enters a narrow hall open to the sky. Beyond this two obelisks stood, of beautiful granite, one of which is lying in ruins, and the other, which is standing, is over ninety feet high and eight feet square at the base. It stands in a hall the roof of which was supported by 36 square pillars with colossal figures of Osiris. This obelisk was brought from Assouan and erected in seven months by Queen Hatsou. The hieroglyphs came down only part of the way from the top, on one or two sides. Our guide informed us that Thotmes was taking the rule into his own hands and his sister in haste erected it to perpetuate her fame. The purpose of this obelisk is uncertain. It was once gilded with gold at the top. They are found now only at temples dedicated to the sun, and may have been an offering to the sun god. Besides, those cunning kings may have had a supreme desire to perpetuate their deeds of valor in this way, and have the credit also of making offerings to the deity, and thus a double purpose would be accomplished.

Going through another entrance we stood in the sanctuary itself, 120 feet square. In the centre of this area is a granite chamber, 52 feet long and 14



Ruins of the Grand Temple of Luxor.

broad. This is divided into the porch, then the holy place and finally the holy of holies. On two sides of the sanctuary were rows of small rooms for the

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