

1919

(B 502
Jan 28)

680

Barkal VIII

of sand from 501 around doorway. The disposal of the debris from 501 presents difficulties. I want to try working out on old line until carry becomes too long.

[Drawing]

The doorway at the end 501 has been repaired by building two blocks of masonry (drawing) one on each side. The Meroitic cement (which I date at 100BC-100AD)

runs behind the addition. On the "S" side, there was once a considerable Meroitic inscription.

* engraved in the cement. Two

* large patches are legible and the lower part of the inscription below the top of the additional masonry may be well-preserved. On the "N" side,

[Drawing] there was once an inscription in hieroglyphics, but all that has been destroyed above the masonry (additional).

Behind the masonry, it appears to be well preserved, but I am yet unable to determine whether the inscription is in the Meroitic or the Egyptian language. It would be far too great a good fortune to find a real Meroitico-Egyptian bilingual.

(3) B 502 EX "S". The extraordinary rect. pit continues → "W"
Jan. 28. same rough cut in subsoil, same filling of dust and potsherds.

(4) B 503 EX "N" The construction slope-way of Wall B 1000 is
Jan. 28. now as clear that it is useless to proceed until we are ready to make another try at getting below water level in Well. Having continued wall of dumpheap to within 1m of the slope-way, I had it turn to "west". We resumed excavation of area working "W" along B 503 Pylon III and "IV" towards B 900.

(5) B 1200 At B 1200, having excavated a number of
Jan. 28. foundation compartments along "W" side of RW ("W" side of mound), we reached a part where the mound is denuded to within a meter of