

Dec 20th (Cont) (2 cont) During the afternoon digging was suspended in this area and the men put on preparation and setting up of railway described under (2) yesterday, The "E" end of this line runs along surface for ca 75 yards.

- (3) Finished trenching for new dump to "S". Gebel at 75 cm to 1 m. below sand and black earth strata with numerous brick + potsherds. Clear ground, Atah suggested railway across B 501 in the central depression to take dirt from "S" of B 501 and dump it to "N", joining onto line serving B 900 EX. Decided to await arrival of Said before deciding this, as the new dump to the "S" should meet requirements for another 10 days or 2 weeks.

Dec 21st Sunday

11th Day of Work: --

80 locals

- (1) Work continued on area B 502 EX 2, working "W" along "S" wall of temple. Heavy slow work, with many large blocks displaced from wall having to be broken up for removal. Work is now on a level with dividing wall between B 502 and 501. In debris in this area, frag. of grey granite with bit of a Meroitic inscription thus:-

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- (2) Continued work on area B 900 EX 1 with new railway line.

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x = area cleared yesterday
and 19th Y = Today's work.

Change of location made for convenience in disposal of debris. Cleared down to about 2m., or ca 1m. up from gebel as found at x. In debris here (Y) four frags. bl. granite, one with part of inscription thus: --
the characters are sunk where
black, edges clipped.

Alas found 2 bronze nails and [Drawing] a fragmentary green faï object

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I continued on map of B 502 and object register.

Dec 22nd Monday

12 Day of Work: -- (1)

79 ½ locals.

Continued work extreme "W" end of B 502 EX 2. Cleared floor back to line of brick wall, which contains unbroken parallel to temple wall: At extreme "W" end of area and about 58 cm. "N" of line of brick wall a sandstone door corner and part of door sill, on level of cleared floor, thus: --