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- b. Late Aethiopic or Early Meroitic from 500 B.C. to 100 A.D.
- c. Meroitic Period from 100 AD to 300 A.D.

This is merely tentative. The pottery, the brong jug, found in the pyramids of Group II show marked classical influence. This group cannot I believe belong to the Taharka period. My present impression is that it belongs towards the end of the Early Meroitic period. The situation far from the valley and behind Group I points to its being later than Group I. The inscriptions found by Cailliaud were in Meroitic characters.

The fragments of hieroglyphic inscriptions and the scarabs found in Group I point to a period more under Egyptian influence. My impression is that Group I belongs to the early part of the early Meroitic period. The group occupies without question the primary cemetery site at Barkal.