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My dear Sir,

Will you allow me to  
bring before you the notice  
of the Egyptian Research  
Account of which you may  
have seen some mention  
lately in the Times.

No one will know better  
than yourself the essential  
need of trained observers to  
record the archaeology of  
Egypt before all the materials  
for study shall have been  
removed or destroyed: &

my aim is to give scope to students who may be able to take up such work.

Unlike the archaeological schools in other countries, this enterprise will not be saddled with any fixed expense of establishment & direction, as I shall be able to attend to the work of students while residing at my own cost in Egypt. All money received will therefore be used solely for the expenses of students & their excavations.

The extent of this work is assumed by the amount already received; but its utility & results will mainly depend on the support that may yet be given to it.

Believe me,

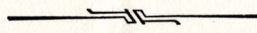
yours very truly,

Wm. Flinders Petrie.

Genl. Pitt Rivers,  
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## EGYPTIAN RESEARCH ACCOUNT.



During past years offers of support for my researches in Egypt have frequently been made to me; but I have always declined them, owing to a wish to avoid needless interference with existing organisations, as my excavations were provided for by two constant friends.

Circumstances have now greatly altered. There is a clear call for a fresh line of action, in the direction which I indicated last year in opening the subject of Egyptology at University College. Though my own work is still provided for, yet other students are coming forward whom I wish to see helped in their researches, on the same lines as those which I have followed; and it is most desirable to have a basis for them in connection with the Edwards Professorship.

I now therefore invite any one who may wish to promote scientific research in Egypt, on those methods which are well known as characterising my work of twelve years past, to assist in establishing an Egyptian Research Account.

For the proper custody of the subscriptions received my friend Mr Hilton Price has kindly consented to act as Treasurer. His position as Director of the Society of Antiquaries and a well-known patron of Egyptology in this country, render him one of the most fitting persons for such a trust.

For the proper expenditure of the money I alone shall be personally responsible to the subscribers; so long, at least, as the scale of the work makes such an individual charge suitable. Duly audited accounts will be handed to each subscriber annually. I have the less hesitation in thus making this a personal matter as (1) I do not propose nor intend to expend any such moneys on my own work in any form whatever; because that is sufficiently provided for otherwise by myself and the cordial co-operation of two private friends; and (2) I purpose to personally arrange and supervise as director in Egypt whatever work is undertaken for the Research Account.

During the past season I have had two students actively engaged with me at my work, Mr. Quibell and Mr. Grenfell; and I hope to be able through this Research Account to group around my own district of work each year such students as may desire to take up original research. It has long been recognised that a British School of Archaeology is greatly needed in Egypt; such an institution has practically begun, though not in name; and as the Research Account develops it may be transformed in the future into a more definite scheme of an Archaeological School. Such an institution could hardly have a more appropriate basis in England than the Edwards chair at University College, which is, as yet, the only established teaching centre for the subject in the English language, and on which, therefore, devolves the duty of making such provision for British Students.

The course of action which will be followed in the coming season, if the public wish to support such scientific research, will be that one of the students who has worked with both enthusiasm and hard perseverance with me during the past season will be allotted a portion of a promising district, which I expect to be allowed to excavate during the coming winter in Egypt. This student, Mr. Quibell, is an Oxford man, with qualifications both in classics and natural science, and I shall give him every assistance that I can, and lead his work on the general lines that I have always followed. He will receive a reasonable allowance for

personal expenses (less than that often given in such cases) and be supplied with funds for work and transport. If it should be also practicable to assist the excavations of Mr. Grenfell,—who holds the Craven travelling fellowship, and is therefore certain to be able to study in Egypt,—I should be most desirous of so doing.

Whatever antiquities may be found by means of the Research Account, that are not claimed by the Egyptian Government, will be allotted to public museums by myself; and I shall strictly avoid the scattering of objects which were found together and which should be preserved as a whole. Detailed plans and records will be made of all the excavations. No money will be laid out on the costly transport of large monuments, which can be most fitly left *in situ*, or deposited in the Egyptian Museum. The excavations will be duly recorded and illustrated, in the same manner as in my own works, and a copy of such publication will be sent to each subscriber of £1 or upwards.

The office for all communications to me will be at the  
EDWARDS LIBRARY.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,

GOWER STREET,

LONDON, W.C.

After October, all subscriptions should be forwarded directly to Messrs. CHILD & Co., 1, Fleet St., London, E.C. for "The Egyptian Research Account" F. G. HILTON PRICE, Dir. S.A., Treasurer, as my annual absence in Egypt will delay the replies to communications sent to the College.

W. M. FLINDERS PETRIE.

July, 1894.

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