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Amelia B. Edwards

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Dear Sir,

In the hope that you take some interest in the antiquities and history of Ancient Egypt, I venture to forward to your address a copy of the Report of the last Annual General Meeting of the Egypt Exploration Fund, and some other printed documents bearing upon the objects of the Society.

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All this great work has been done without any assistance from the British Government.

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