August 3d.

Reis, 8. Men, 119. Children, 55.

Third Pyramid.—Clearing chambers and passages.

Eighth Pyramid.—Clearing chamber and passage.

I called on the Shereef of Mecca, who was encamped at the edge of the arable ground near the northern dyke; and, when I took my leave, he sent a Coptic secretary and an Armenian, to read the inscription in the Third Pyramid. They began by copying the diagram on the great stone over the entrance of the Seventh. The Copt then entered the Fifth, and looked at the writings, which the Cadi had already partly deciphered. Both of them afterwards examined the characters in the Third, as I have already mentioned.

Having dismissed these persons, I entered the Eighth Pyramid, and found in the anteroom twelve or thirteen skulls, and a bronze armlet, with a piece of brown stone shaped like part of a female hand, which was remarkable, as the building was supposed to have been the tomb of the daughter of Cheops. The entrance-passage and sepulchral chamber were on the same plan as those in the Seventh and Ninth Pyramids; the masonry had been pulled down in search of other apartments; and a quantity of bones and broken mummy-cases were found in it, by which it would appear that it had been subsequently used as a general place of sepulture; but there were not any remains of a sarcophagus. I did not think it worth while to be at further trouble or expense about these tombs, as they had been completely ransacked.

The Shereef of Mecca dined with me. He came with a large suite, and was accompanied by his two sons, and

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