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ROCK INSCRIPTIONS NEAR DAKKA.

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To the west of Dakka temple, about four kilometres from the Nile, rise two prominent hills, the easternmost spur of a low range which trends away from this point to the south and west. Of these hills, the southern is known locally as Gebel Abu Dirwa, the northern as Gebel Hassan Abu Nogara. On approaching these hills from the river, one sees at their feet several isolated table-like formations of compact sandstone, two of which, being inscribed, are of archaeological interest. As these foothills show traces of ancient quarrying, and as more may result—to the injury of the inscriptions—upon the withdrawal towards the *gebel* of the villagers at Dakka, it was deemed advisable to copy the records as they at present exist. The more important are here presented.

Dr. G. Roeder has suggested that the demotic cartouche, (see Station I) may represent *Intef*, but he has further pointed out that the absence of the title “Son of Ra,” usually accompanying the Intef inscriptions, renders this doubtful.

On the following pages the most significant of the inscriptions are collected; they will, together with certain glyphs with which they were associated, be more fully discussed later.