

charmed by my remarkable merits. He who inhabits the place of the fulness of health had given me an important post.

Conduct towards his parents and his fellows.

My sincerity and my goodness were in the heart of my father and mother; my affection was in them. Never have I outraged it in my mode of action towards them from the beginning of the time of my youth. Though great, yet have I acted as if I had been a little one. I have not disabled anyone worthier than myself. . . .

XI. PRODUCTS OF ARABIA

A group of inscriptions on the inner walls of an Egyptian temple gives an account of the conquest of Arabia Felix by the Regent Queen Mother of Thothmes III. It includes a description of the spoils brought home by the expedition. Naturally these same products were imported from Arabia in time of peace. *Records of the Past*, x. 14.

Imports into Egypt; *Ancient World*, 15.

The loading of the ships of transport with a great quantity of the magnificent products of Arabia, with all kinds of precious woods of the Holy Land, with heaps of incense resin, with verdant incense trees, with ebony, with pure ivory, with gold and silver from the land of Amu, with the tesep-wood, and the cassia-bark, aham-incense and mes-temkohl, and hounds, with skins of leopards of the South, apes and monkeys, with women and children. Never has a convoy been made like this one by any king since the creation of the world.

XII. THE LABORING CLASSES

From a papyrus in the British Museum, copied in the nineteenth dynasty from an original of the twelfth dynasty or earlier. The document gives an account of the various occupations, and with quaint humor pictures their hardships as contrasted with the easy life of the scribe. *Records of the Past*, viii. 147-156.

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