INSCRIPTIONS ON PYRAMIDON.

The figures and hieroglyphs enclosed in the four squares on the pyramidion represent, invariably, on the right side, crowned upon a standard, king Thothmes III., in the shape of a sphynx, presenting offerings to a god; opposite him, viz: on sides I. and II. Tum, and on III. and IV. the hawk-headed Sun-god bearing the solar disk.

Above the sphynx are three vertical lines of hieroglyphs reading left to right: "Great god, lord of both countries; (Ra-men-kheper); giver of life eternal.

The hieroglyphs in the inscription are: [Thoth-Bull, crowned in Uas; Son of the Sun, (Thothmes.)]

"These are the readings of the cartouches or name-scrolls enclosed in curved brackets.

The lines above the god read: "The great god, lord of the great temple; chief of the gods; Tum, lord of On; giver of water." On sides III. and IV.: "Lord of earth; lord of heaven; great god; Harmachis; giver of life eternal."

The inscriptions on the obelisk have been mostly obliterated, and the obelisk is fractured as indicated on side IV.

In trying to arrange the above translations so as to bring out as clearly as possible the connection between the hieroglyphs and their meaning, we have been greatly assisted by the scholarly translation of Dr. Birch, of the British Museum.

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