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A century in review

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In loving memory of Judy Miller, member of The Manchester Egyptian Mummy Team, and esteemed colleague and friend
Preface

The original inspiration for this volume came from research that focussed largely on the work of Sir Grafton Elliot Smith and the Archaeological Survey of Nubia. These combined areas of study present an intimidating volume of work, but they cannot be fully understood without also looking at the evolution of the disciplines of palaeopathology and bioarchaeology. Elliot Smith and other early pioneers played pivotal roles in the foundation of these subjects. In many instances they were able to produce studies that have remained unmatched in terms of their scale and impact, and the collections of human remains they amassed continue to present valuable research opportunities.

Both the conference that inspired this volume, and the chapters contained herein provide an opportunity to see how these disciplines have changed over the last hundred years, and explore the directions we may expect them to take in the future. New technologies and improvements to existing methods are being constantly developed and applied to archaeology, providing scholars and scientists with truly exciting opportunities for innovative projects.

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