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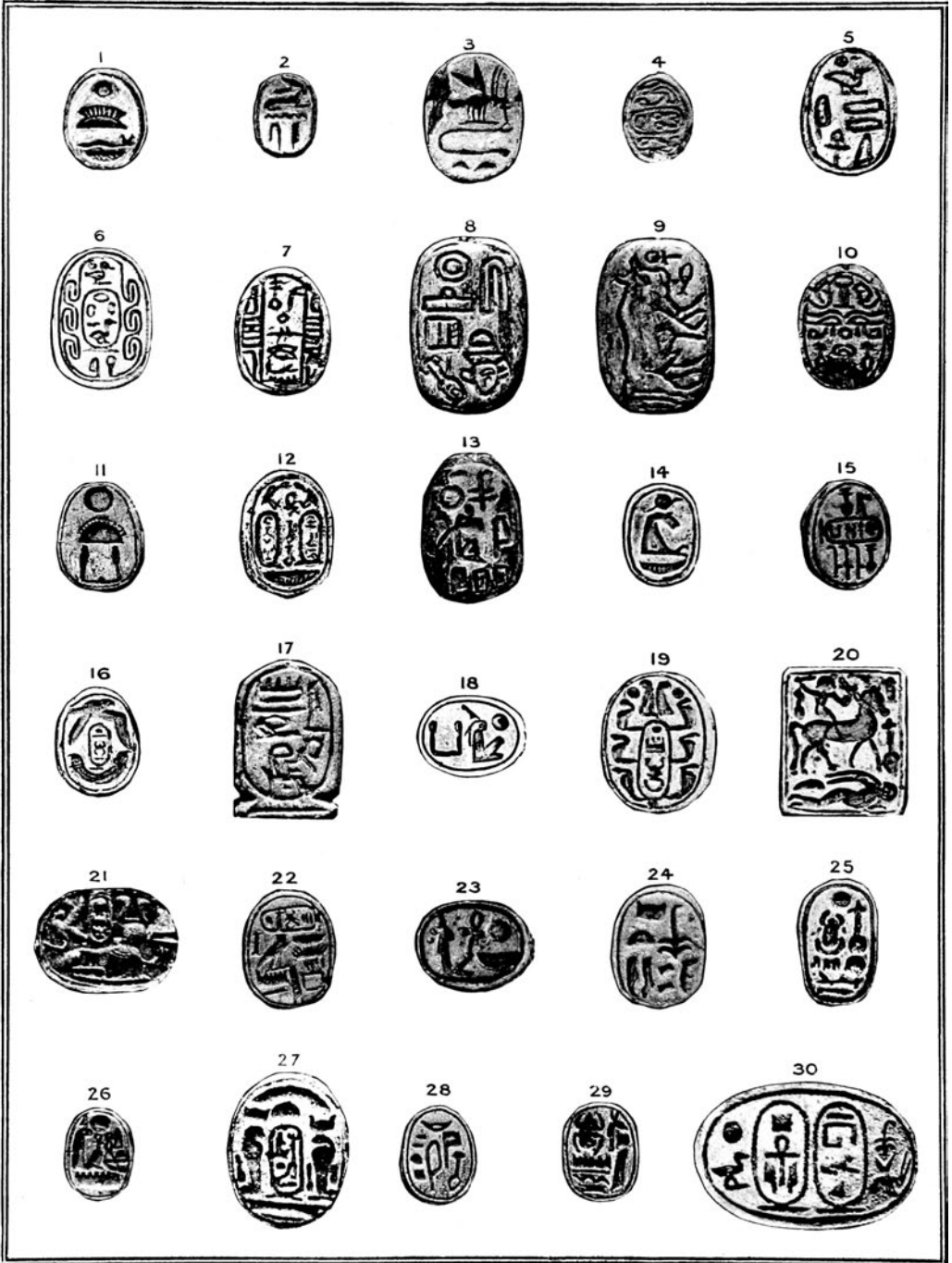
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16.	THOTHMES II.	XVIII. " . . .	1516-1503
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27.	RAMSES II.	XIX. Dynasty (The Great) . . .	1275-1208 ?
28.	NEFERT-ART-ERY, Wife of Ramses II.	. . .	"
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30.	TIRHAKAH (Ta har ka) and PIANKHY,	XXV. Dynasty . . .	750 ?

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"Signs and wonders in the land of Egypt unto this day."
JEREMIAH xxii. 20.
"There is no country that possesses so many wonders."
HERODOTUS.
"Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety."
SHAKESPEARE.

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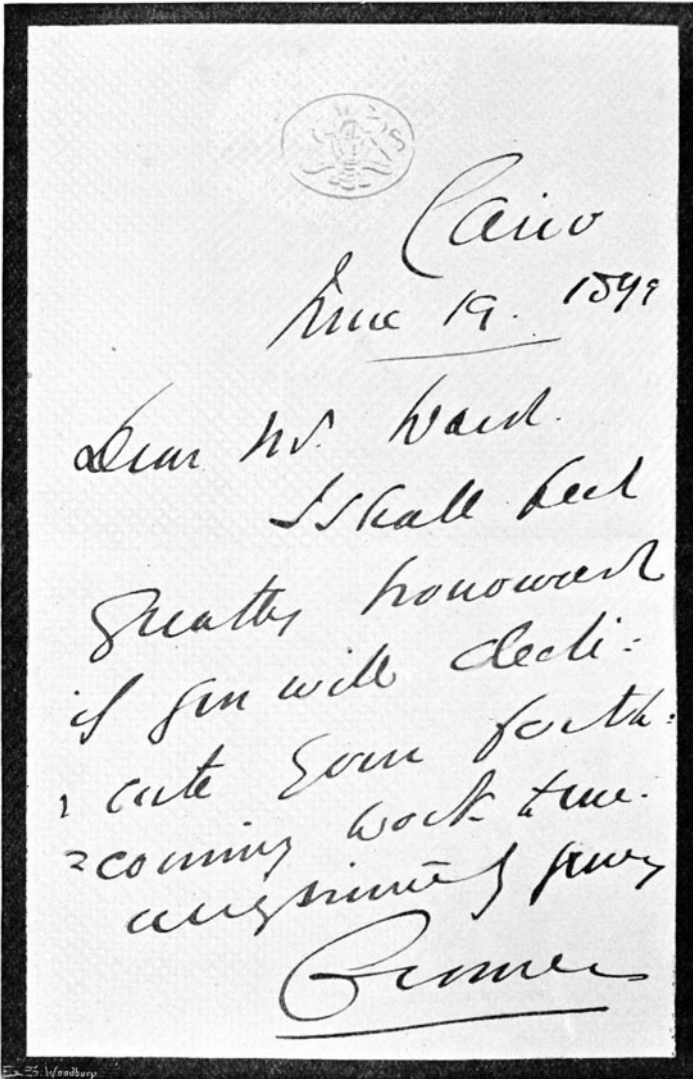
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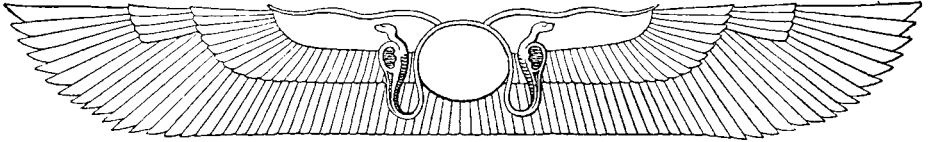


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AUTHOR'S PREFACE.



WHEN poor old Egypt was sick unto death, not so many years ago, a wise physician was called in to give advice in a case well nigh hopeless. This specialist was Lord Dufferin, who recommended certain remedies, in his masterly reports from Cairo, for the consideration of his Government at home. Many of these remedies were carried out *au pied de la lettre*: for some of them the patient's "constitution" was not found fit, at least it was well to wait. Lord Dufferin's advice, however (the part that was instantly acted upon), saved the country. Lord Cromer was placed at the head of affairs and backed up by being given every help he asked. Ever since he has been devoting his life to old Egypt's regeneration. The splendid selection of Indian officers, experts in all that the country needed, men like Sir W. Garstin, Major Hanbury Brown, Sir John Scott, Mr. Willcocks, Mr. W. J. Wilson, and many others—I only name those whom I have met (other great men of Lord Cromer's noble band had left Egypt before my time), working like heroes for small reward beyond their well-earned pay—have saved the ancient country. It is still "a land of wonders unto this day"; but the greatest marvel is a new one for Egypt—it is now worth visiting as a model of good government. Under British guidance its credit is restored; by great engineering works its income will be doubled. There are still magicians in the land, wonder-workers as of old.

Then the hidden treasures of antiquity have not been neglected; what Mariette and De Morgan left incomplete has been disinterred from the desert and the rock by Dr. Petrie, Messrs. Naville, Griffith, Grenfell and Hunt, and Quibell, and many more, whether working for the Egypt

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Exploration Fund or for other societies. Professor Sayce quietly makes his own researches, and is always ready to afford his scholarly help. He and his excellent library on the "Istar" are generally at hand when wanted.

To all of these great men, whether statesman, engineer, lawyer, or antiquarian, and to their friends and helpers at their work, I beg to tender my deep sense of gratitude for much kindness during my many visits to this old land, the cradle of all ancient civilisation and now once again the land of progress. The poor cowardly fellah, the dusky Nubian, the warlike Soudanese, have all been taught how to defend their native land from the brutal slave raider. A people who were enslaved for six thousand years are now as free as ourselves. Even the men engaged at this modern wonder-working, Lord Kitchener (and his shadow, Major Watson), Sir F. R. Wingate, Colonel Macdonald, and many others, have to be thanked for much politeness and assistance. By the help of these kind friends, I have travelled much up and down the banks of old Nile, finding none to make me afraid.

Egyptian literature is somewhat heavy. The volumes I have studied in order to learn a little about Egypt are too weighty to carry about, and so I thought a portable volume, describing something of my wanderings, and with a little historical knowledge introduced, illustrated by my own sketches and photographs, might be interesting to folks at home, or might tempt a visit to Egypt, and when there to go up the Nile farther than Cairo.

Dr. Petrie and the Egypt Exploration Fund have allowed me to make use of copies of some of the excellent illustrations of their various publications, for which I tender my grateful acknowledgments; while Sir Benjamin Baker, Mr. John Aird, M.P., Mr. Maurice Fitzmaurice, and Mr. G. H. Stephens have generously supplied information regarding the great engineering work of our times, which rivals the deeds of ancient Mena.

JOHN WARD.

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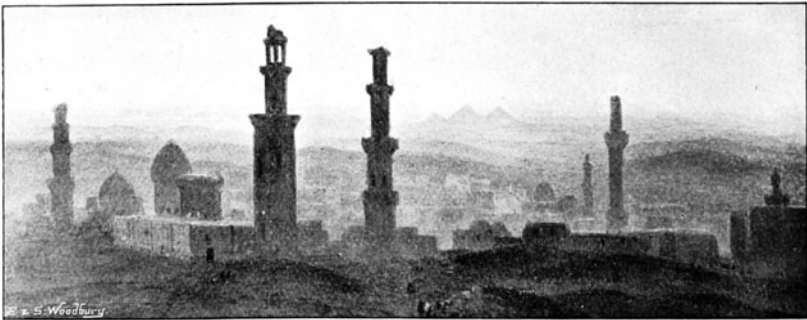
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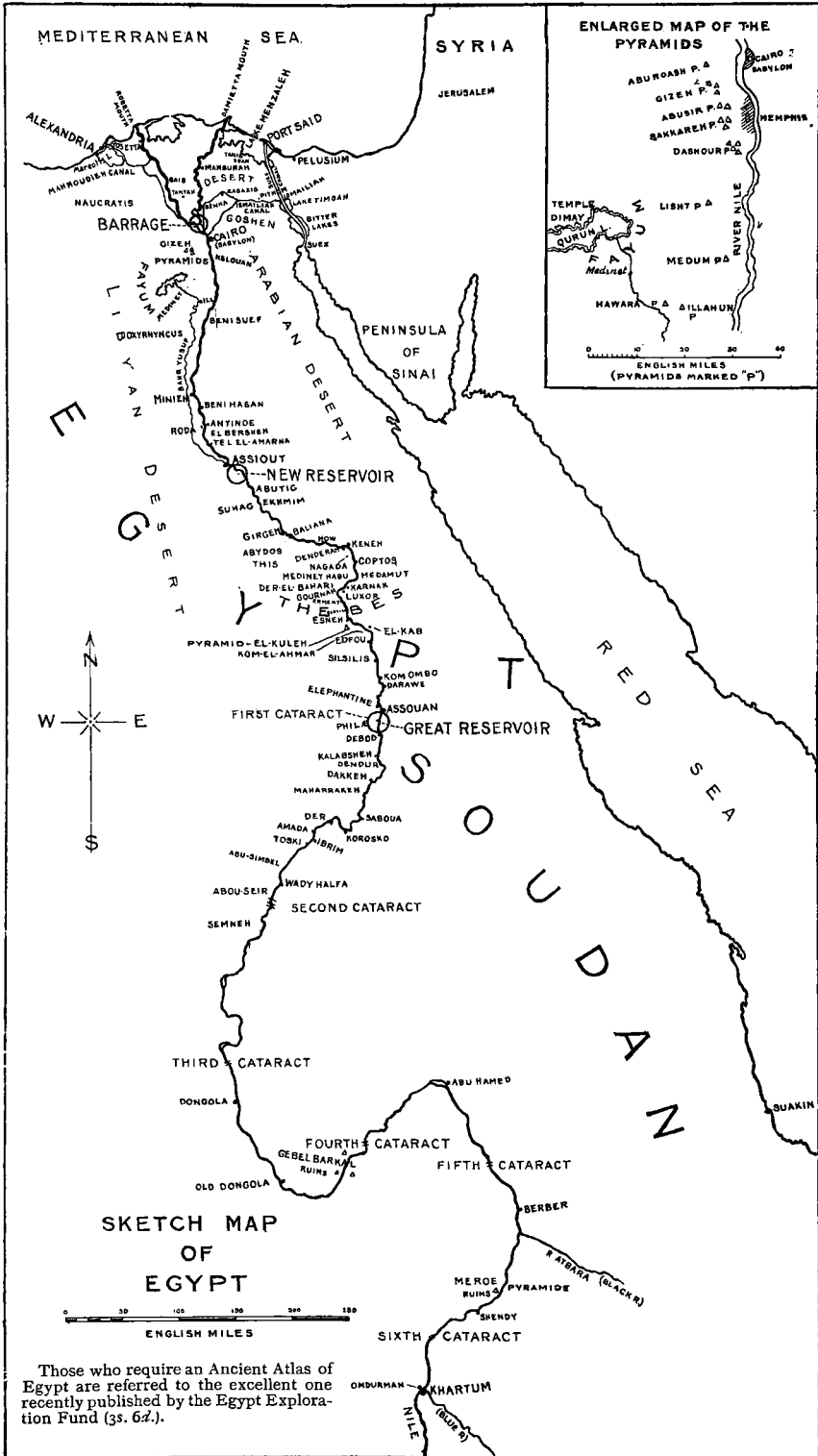
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1.	KHAFRA	IV. Dynasty . . .	3908-3845
2.	UNAS	V. „ . . .	3536-3503
3.	TETA (?)	VI. „ . . .	3503-3473
5.	SHESHA	(?)	
4.	RA-EN-KA	VII.-VIII. „ . . .	3230-3220
7.	S-KHA-EN-RA	IX.-X. „ . . .	3050-2821
8-9.	AMENEMHAT I.	XII. „ . . .	2778-2748
10.	USERTESEN I.	XII. „ . . .	2758-2714
11.	USERTESEN III.	XII. „ . . .	2660-2622
12.	KHENZER	XIII. „ . . .	
6.	KHYAN	— Hyksos ? . . .	2098
13.	APOPA	— Hyksos . . .	1587
14.	AAHMES I.	XVIII. „ . . .	1587-1562
15.	THOTHMES I.	XVIII. „ . . .	1541-1516
16.	THOTHMES II.	XVIII. „ . . .	1516-1503
17.	HASHEPSU (Hatasu)	— . . .	1516-1481
18.	„ „	— . . .	„
19.	THOTHMES III.	XVIII. „ . . .	1503-1449
20.	„	XVIII. „ . . .	„
21.	„	XVIII. „ . . .	„
22.	AMENHOTEP II.	XVIII. „ . . .	1449-1423
23.	AMENHOTEP III.	XVIII. „ . . .	1414-1379
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25.	AKHENATEN (Khu-en-aten)	XVIII. Dynasty . . .	1400
26.	SETI I.	XIX. Dynasty . . .	1327-1275?
27.	RAMSES II.	XIX. Dynasty (The Great) . . .	1275-1208?
28.	NEFERT-ART-ERY, Wife of Ramses II.	. . .	„
29.	SETI II.	XIX. Dynasty . . .	1189-1184?
30.	TIRHAKAH (Taharka) and PIANKHY,	XXV. Dynasty	750?

CYLINDER OF KING
 NEFER-AR-KA-RA,

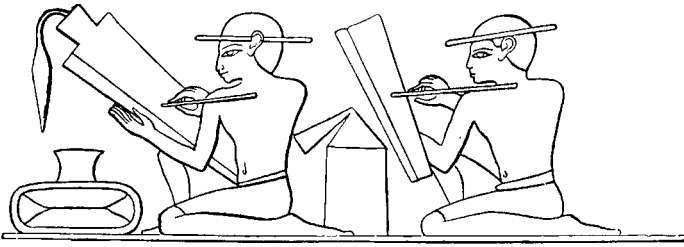


KING OF V. DYNASTY
 (3680-3660 B.C.).

May have been his own royal signet. This remarkable Cylinder is probably unique. No scarabs are known of this king. His pyramid is supposed to be one of those at Abusir. (Petrie, *History of Egypt*, vol. i., p. 73.)

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BOOKS upon Egypt are numerous, but for good ones there is still plenty of room. The country and its people are changing rapidly; even the climate, it is said, is sharing in the general movement, and writers are needed to record not only what is passing away but also what is taking its place. Nowhere else in the world can we find the past and the present ranged as it were so closely side by side or so incongruously mingled together. The newest agricultural steam engine from Europe is driven by a *fellah*, whose brother works the neighbouring field with the mattock of the Pharaohs, and the electric tram in Cairo hurries past street corners and scenes of life which transport us to the days of the "Arabian Nights." The Pyramids look down upon one of the most comfortable and luxurious of modern hotels, and the fragment of a vase that was made in the reign of Khufu lies in the desert sand by the side of an empty sardine tin. The soil and climate of Egypt are more conservative than its inhabitants; the latter are beginning to change, at all events outwardly, under the influences of the English Occupation, but the monuments of the past retain all their pristine freshness and colouring, in a land where there is neither frost nor rain, if only the friendly sand conceal them from the destructive hand of man.

A voyage up the Nile is still a revelation to the traveller who has eyes to see and ears to hear. If he is a historian and archæologist he

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finds himself brought face to face with monuments which carry us back to the earlier days of civilisation, and with a history, varied and romantic, which can be traced continuously through unnumbered centuries; if it is the present rather than the past which claims his interest, he can watch one of the most single-minded attempts that have ever been made to engraft what is best in Western civilisation upon the decrepit East, or can appraise the doubtful blessings of international control. If he is an engineer he can study the works of irrigation, to which Egypt owes its very existence, and criticise the endeavours that are being made to bridle the Nile; while, should he be interested in theological disputations and ecclesiastical antiquities, he will have in the Coptic Church a Christian community which has survived twelve centuries of persecution, and still retains rites and beliefs that carry us back to the first ages of Christianity.

But the traveller who would learn all that a voyage up the Nile can teach him must have the seeing eye and the hearing ear, and possess, moreover, the understanding mind. It is for such that Mr. Ward's book is written. Mr. Ward is no mere tourist, who, after a month among the gaities of Cairo and a voyage of three weeks on a Nile steamer, believes himself qualified to instruct the world concerning Egypt and the Egyptians, on the strength of a few conversations in broken English with waiters and donkey-boys. He has, on the contrary, lived with the natives and travelled in native boats; he has visited tombs and temples far away from the tourist's track, and he has gone for his information to the best authorities, European or native, archæological or political. He has got together one of the best existing collections of historical scarabs, and can speak at first-hand on their value and genuineness.

In one respect Egypt is like Japan, and that is in the rapidity and far-reaching character of the changes through which it is passing. But in Egypt this is true not only politically and socially, but also archæologically. The soil of Egypt is a veritable treasure-house, but it is a treasure-house that is being despoiled with feverish activity. Each year brings with it a discovery more startling and revolutionary than those that have gone before. The world of the past has risen up from its grave of centuries and is even speaking to us in modern tones. The latest discoveries have drawn aside part of the veil which hides the

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beginnings of culture and civilisation, a veil which seemed folded over them for ever. The age of the Pyramids is no longer the beginning of history as it was but three or four years ago; we now know that it really was the bloom and climax of long periods of growth; that long before the days of Khufu and Khafra books were written and read, that portrait statues were carved out of the hardest stone, that landscapes were painted in delicate colours, that great engineering works were executed, and that the political organisation of the country was complete. The first event in Egyptian history that has been handed down to us was the stupendous achievement of diverting the Nile from its old channel, under the Libyan hills, into the one through which it has flowed ever since, and Mr. Willcocks tells me that borings he caused to be made a few years ago between Cairo and Beni Suef proved that the statement was founded on fact. It was fitting, however, that the reign of the king who first united Northern and Southern Egypt, should have been signalled by such a work. Habitable Egypt was created by the engineers and their irrigating labours, and the dykes and canals, the basins and escapes, which transformed the Delta from a pestiferous swamp into fertile ground and rescued the banks of the Nile from the annual flood, went back to days of which we are but just beginning to have a glimpse.

The restoration of Egypt to its ancient prosperity and the gift to its people of justice, such as they have never before enjoyed, have been intimately bound up with the works of irrigation that have so pre-eminently marked the epoch of British rule. The water, which centuries of oppression and neglect had allowed to run to waste, has again been utilised and is equitably distributed between rich and poor, the powerful and the weak. If the English Occupation had done nothing more, this alone would have justified its continuance.

Those who knew Egypt in the days of Ismail Pasha, or the Dual Control, find it difficult to realise that it is the same land as that to which the tourist is transported to-day. The change has been gradual, though with each successive year the rate of progress has been increasingly rapid. It is only when we contrast the Egypt of to-day with the Egypt that we remember twenty years ago that we understand how great the change has been. We may, perhaps, regret the loss of the oriental

flavour it has brought with it, but along with the oriental flavour has gone the tyranny, the squalor and the misery of the past. There is equal justice between man and man, a prosperous peasantry, and a high standard of education. The dark corners of the land have been cleansed, and comforts have been placed within the reach of the poor which wealth formerly could not purchase. Much, doubtless, still remains to be done; but the work that has been achieved, in despite of international complications and obstacles, is a guarantee of the future. And in one section of the Egyptian population at all events—the Christian Copts, whose blood is uncontaminated by inter-marriage with Arabs or negroes—the reformer has a race which inherits all the ability and quickness of its Egyptian forefathers, and can be trained to carry out English ideas of justice and morality.

A. H. SAYCE.



PROFESSOR SAYCE'S DAHABEAH "ISTAR"
MOORED OFF ELEPHANTINE.