

The food was simple enough—dates and coarse bread ; but it was luxury to those who thankfully received it. The missionaries do not attempt to make proselytes, but content themselves with teaching truth, and leaving it to assume its own form as to creed. There is also a girls' school, for which no Egyptian teacher could be found : not one woman in all the land could read or write, except a daughter of Mehemet Ali's, who is very accomplished. A Maronite lady was therefore invited from Mount Lebanon ; she seems to discharge her difficult duty well, and her little pupils appeared eager and anxious to improve. It is a great inducement to the Egyptian women to send their daughters to these schools, that they there learn the Western style of embroidery, which is highly prized in the East. Mrs. Lieder is a frequent visitor in the Pasha's hareem, where they even invited her to take up her abode permanently.

These schools of Cairo afford altogether a very cheerful aspect to an English eye ; and it is a gratifying duty to bear this impartial testimony to their utility and good conduct. Attached to the schools is a neat chapel, wherein the service of our church is performed. The congregation was very small, compared with the number of English at Cairo. The latter seem to succumb, for the most part, to the fatal influence of this voluptuous climate, and with some admirable exceptions, do little credit to the proud character of their country.