

ASSOUAN.

There is no hotel as yet at the First Cataract, but we ought soon to see one built, for winter residents at Luxor would find it an agreeable change to go now and then to Assouan; and Shellal, opposite the island of Philæ, has been recommended as a perfect sanatorium by Dr. Abbate Pasha.

Assouan is 133 miles higher up the river than Luxor—that is, 583 miles south of Cairo. The temple of Esneh is only 35 miles from Luxor, and Edfu temple is half-way to Assouan; then, 26 miles further on, we come to the sights of Silsileh, and then the temple of Kom Ombo, a few miles north of Assouan.

Assouan has a varied native population of about 9000, and is well guarded by forts, and by 2000 Egyptian troops under English officers.

Visitors will be interested in the granite quarries, rocks of schist, granite, and basalt, Sir F. Grenfell's tombs, Elephantine Island, the shooting of the cataract, and the lovely temple on the Island of Philæ.

Temperature.—No regular meteorological records have been taken at Assouan, but the Army Medical Staff took a few notes during the Nile expedition