

It ought, of course, to be connected with Cairo by the railway, but this is strenuously objected to by those interested in the welfare of Alexandria. Visitors must either go half through the Canal and disembark at Ismailia, or alight from their steamer at Port Said into a small postal boat, which will carry them and their luggage to Ismailia in time to catch the train for Cairo. Port Said has a very small English colony, but possesses two English doctors, one in charge of the native hospital, the other living at the English hospital founded by Lady Strangford. The three hotels are not first class, but the traveller must often be dependent on one of them in making the journey from Cairo to the Holy Land. Meteorological observations are made at Port Said, Ismailia, and Suez by the Canal Company for transmission to Paris, but, as none of the towns can be considered a health-resort, it is unnecessary to quote them here.

ISMAILIA.

There is no prettier spot in Egypt than this little wayside town of 3500 inhabitants, most of whom are French and natives, and connected with the Canal Company and its works. There are two hotels, sometimes quite empty, and at other times,