

improved markedly in health and strength. He remained there two winters and a summer, and was progressing well until he was persuaded, during the second summer, to try a change to the mountain air of Cyprus, where he very soon died. Before his death he had commenced to build a sanatorium, to give others the opportunity of living in a climate which had apparently been so beneficial to himself.

The property was then bought by an English resident of Cairo, who determined to open an hotel, and, while providing visitors with all necessary luxuries, to prevent the neighbourhood of the Pyramids from being spoilt by incongruous behaviour. The hotel at once became popular, in consequence of the extreme purity of the air, the delicious repose of the desert, the convenient proximity to Cairo, and the unrivalled interest of the locality. Twice its owner has had to treble its size, and now it contains eighty bedrooms, a dining-room 40×80 ft., another 40×27 ft., smaller dining-rooms, drawing and reading-rooms, full-sized English billiard-tables, an ice-room, studio for artists, etc. There is a Jennings' lavatory, and the earth-closets are in a building disconnected from the hotel. There are six fixed baths, hot and cold, and the bath and sink water is used to irrigate the garden; also a swimming-bath, 80×25 ft. The drinking-water is obtained from wells in the desert,