

built with an insufficient fall, and others ventilate untrapped into the streets, accounting for many of the unpleasant odours of the town. The cess-pools not running into these culverts are emptied by carts on the sea-shore near the town.

RAMLEH.

Ramleh has a station of its own (Sidi Gabir) upon the line from Cairo to Alexandria, but if carriages are required to meet the traveller there they must be previously ordered from Alexandria. With the exception of a few private carriages, life at Ramleh is carried on on donkey-back. During the daytime trains run every hour or half-hour from Alexandria to the seven stations, which are only about half a mile apart. Each house stands proudly in its own grounds, and varies in character from a limestone shanty to a pretentious two-storied *châlet*. The prevailing wind blows refreshingly from the sea; there are miles of desert to explore on the land side, pretty gardens to the straggling houses, and, besides representatives of Greece and many other nations, a colony of English officials and merchants who are famous for their hospitality and their lawn-tennis parties. Ramleh now has a scattered population of about four thousand, but has only been inhabited for the