

of the river. The annual regularity of the rise and fall of temperature, of the barometer and of humidity, of the wind, of sunshine, and of the Nile flood are elements which materially combine to ensure the comfort of the invalid visitor. It is easy for any intelligent resident to be "weather wise," and to prophesy for his friends the condition of the immediate future.

During 1887 there were showers of rain on fifteen days. Thunder and lightning occur about once a year, and hail is rather less common, while snow is unknown. The May rainfall in my table is exceptionally high in consequence of an abnormal storm in 1887.

*The state of the sky* is judged by figures running from 0 to 10, and shows an excellent average. The clouds are brought up from the sea by the north wind, or the sky becomes overcast during a south wind from the infinitesimal particles of sand which seem to be held in suspension in the air.

*Wind.*—The prevailing wind both in Cairo and Alexandria is always from the north, though it may be noticed that a cool dry wind blows from the desert during January. Also one sees that the force of the wind, which is calculated by means of an anemometer, and shows the number of miles per hour, is abated during the winter months, and only becomes freshened when the summer has set