

an amusement committee, if the visitors have recourse to them.

*Sight-seeing.*—Close to the village of Luxor and its hotels are the two Luxor Temples, and a pleasant walk along the Avenue of Sphinxes takes us to the well-known wonders of Karnak. On the opposite side of the Nile are the Temples of Rameses I. and II., the Rameseum, the Colossi of the Eighteenth Dynasty, the Temples of Rameses III., Thothmes III., beautifully preserved sculptures, the Tombs of the Kings and other humbler folk, of the Queens, and lastly of hundreds of early Christians. All these remains, and many more of Thebes and its necropolis, contrive to make sunny Luxor a very delightful and interesting winter retreat.

A society, with its head-quarters in London, has just been started for the preservation of ancient monuments in Egypt. An estimate of the cost of the most necessary work, such as clearing away rubbish, strengthening pillars, draining off water, etc., shows that £2055 is wanted for Luxor, £3140 for Karnak, and £3400 for Thebes, Esneh, and Edfu. It is to be hoped that money will soon be forthcoming to preserve all temples from the depredation of time, thieves, and tourists.