

## CHAPTER IX.

## ALEXANDRIA—RAMLEH.

ALEXANDRIA once possessed a great reputation for salubrity, and was much recommended by the ancient physicians for diseases of the chest. But the modern city is no favourite with invalids, and tourists, obliged to use it as a port of entry, hurry on to Cairo because they can find nothing of sight-seeing to detain them. During the early months of the year Alexandria is subject to rain, gales, and cold, but in April the weather is often pleasanter than in Cairo, and it is at this time that invalids for whom Europe is not yet warm enough are recommended to stay, not in Alexandria itself, but in the suburb of Ramleh near by. They will find refreshing sea-breezes, instead of the liability to khamseen wind in Cairo, a temperature which is not too high, and a degree of humidity which is not excessive. The days are bright and sunny, and the nights not too cold. In the town of Alexandria there are two first-class hotels, several