

Near the Third Pyramid there are the ruins of a Græco-Roman village.

Besides the ride to Sakkárah, excursions may be made to the Pyramid of Abu Roash, or to a petrified forest seven miles away.

MATARIYEH.

Five miles to the north-east of Cairo, and now connected with it by train and telephone, is the village of Matariyeh, which has lately become a popular suburb among some of the European and native residents.

On Easter Monday, 1889, which is a national holiday in Egypt, 19,000 people were conveyed to it by train. At other times it is dull and empty, though two small hotels have lately sprung up, besides restaurants and many private villas. There is some talk of building an English hotel near the plain where, in A.D. 1517, the battle of Heliopolis made the Turks masters of Egypt, and where Kleber regained Cairo for a short time in 1800. The attractions offered to the guests would be camel-riding in the desert to Abbassiyeh, which was a suburb built in 1849 to please the Bedouin sheiks who declined to enter the city of Abbas, the then Khedive, or to the ostrich-farm and orange-groves in the neighbourhood. Then there are the petri-