

CHAPTER IV.

CAIRO—(continued).

Public health in Cairo.—There has been no census since 1882, and it is doubtful whether the statistics then gathered are sufficiently accurate. There are believed to be about 375,000 inhabitants, of whom 21,650 are not Turkish subjects, and are mostly Europeans. The deaths among Europeans during the last seven years, including the cholera year, have averaged 473, or 21·8 per 1000 per annum, which compares favourably with any town in Europe or America. But the figures ought probably to be higher, as it is difficult to conceive that the lowest classes of Maltese, Jews, Greeks, and Levantines, who are all included among the foreigners, must not considerably deteriorate the mortality rate. The death-rate among the natives is shockingly high, 46·5 per 1000, and this is principally due to the mortality (800 a month) of infants under one year of age during the four