

last thirty years; and crouching next to the garden-walls of merchant princes are still to be seen patched Bedouin tents, whose mysterious inmates are a relic of the Arabs who levied blackmail on the first English settlers, and professed to keep the rest of their tribesmen at a distance.

For *hotels*, there are thirty-two bedrooms at San Stefano, a highly commended Beau Sejour, and two smaller hotels, besides an English private boarding-house. San Stefano also embraces clubrooms, excellent swimming-baths for both sexes, electric-lighting, a European string-band, weekly afternoon dances for children, evening parties for adults, etc. The height of the season is from June 15 to October 15, but the hotel is open earlier in the year.

Some Greek doctors are resident in Ramleh, and there is now a chemist; but most residents prefer to get their medical help direct from Alexandria. There is a Greek *church* and an Italian Catholic; while in Alexandria there are Church of England, Church of Scotland, German and French Protestant, Roman Catholic, and many other places of worship.

The *conservancy* arrangements are of too primitive a character. Many English houses are provided with earth-closets; the rest have cesspools draining away into the porous sand. Up till now