

stant relays of visitors, who stop for a few days on the way up and down the Nile.

*Hotels.*—There are two good hotels, the better of which is kept by one of Messrs. Cook's agents. It was opened at the end of 1877, and, though it has been constantly enlarged, it is always full during the season, and rooms must therefore be engaged in advance. There is accommodation for about a hundred visitors, and at the Karnak Hotel for about half that number. Until 1888 most of the Luxor Hotel rooms were built in a single line from north to south, so as to receive full benefit of morning and afternoon sun, and the rooms were on two floors, the ground floor being raised four steps above the ground. The walls are purposely built of rough bricks of great thickness, so that they can be kept cool on hot days, and will retain their heat during winter nights. But I found that invalids had to go into the open air to get from their bedroom or sitting-room to the *table d'hôte*, and the ever-willing proprietor only required to have this disadvantage pointed out to him, to construct a large dining-room, two drawing-rooms, and over these bedrooms with a central passage, which allow delicate visitors to ascend without meeting the night air. Healthy visitors find no inconvenience from occupying the older rooms. Electric bells have been set up, and earth-closets with good