

## GLOSSARY

- Aiwa, effendi*—Yes, noble sir.  
*Allah*—God.  
*Allah-haly 'm alla-haly*—A sing-song of river-workers.  
*Allah Kerim*—God is bountiful.  
*Alláhu Akbar*—God is most Great.  
*A'l'meh*—Female professional singers, signifying "a learned female."  
*Antichi*—Antiquities.  
*Backsheesh*—Tip, douceur, bribe.  
*Balass*—Earthen vessel for carrying water.  
*Basha*—Pasha.  
*Bersim*—Grass.  
*Bimbashi*—Major.  
*Bishareen*—A native tribe.  
*Bismillah*—In the name of God.  
*Bowab*—A doorkeeper.  
*Corvée*—Forced labour.  
*Dahabeah*—A Nile houseboat with large lateen sails.  
*Darabukkeh*—A drum made of a skin stretched over an earthenware funnel.  
*Dóash*—(Literally) Treading. A ceremony performed on the return of the Holy Carpet from Mecca.  
*Dourha*—Maize.  
*Effendina*—Highness.  
*El aadah*—The ordinary.  
*El Azhar*—The Arab University at Cairo.  
*Fantasia*—Celebration with music, dancing, and processions.  
*Farshoot*—The name of a native tribe.  
*Fatihah*—The opening chapter of the Koran, recited at weddings, etc.  
*Feddán*—The most common measure of land—a little less than an acre. Also dried hay.  
*Fellah* (plu. *fellaheen*)—The Egyptian peasant.  
*Felucca*—A small boat, propelled by oars or sails.  
*Fessikh*—Salted fish.  
*Ghaffirs*—Humble village officials.  
*Ghawázee*—The tribe of public dancing-girls. A female of this tribe is called "Gházceych," and a man "Ghazee," but the plural Ghawázee is generally understood as applying to the female.  
*Ghimah*—The Mahommedan Sunday.  
*Gippy*—Colloquial name for an Egyptian soldier.  
*Goolah*—Porous water-jar of Nile mud.  
*Hakim*—Doctor.  
*Hanouti*—Funeral attendants.  
*Hari-kari*—An Oriental form of suicide.  
*Hashish*—Leaves of hemp.  
*Inshallah*—God willing.  
*Jibbeh*—Long coat or smock, worn by dervishes.  
*Kavass*—An orderly.