

ered. The administration of the antiquities under the Italian Government is satisfactory.

MARCH.

- 3rd—Drive to Pozzuoli Baïre and Bacoli, visiting the Grotta del Cuore, saw the dogs stupefied with the carbonic acid gas. The Temple of Serapis adjoining Pozzuoli. At Baïre, the Temple of Mercury with its vaulted ceiling open in the centre, having a fine echo. The Temple of Venus was in active use for a blacksmith's forge, transformed into a Temple of Vulcan, for the passing hour. Baïre as a Roman watering place, the most famous and magnificent of ancient times, is frequently spoken of in the time of Cicero, Augustus, Nero, and Hadrian. The moralist has more matter to dilate on here than the Antiquary. The scenery on this excursion rare in its special beauty.
- The National Museum at Naples is rich in Pompeian and Herculanean antiquities. The collection of coins is almost unrivalled in extent and value. The aquarium opened in 1874, belonging to a Zoological Station, founded by the German naturalist Dr. Dohrn, is of more scientific interest than any other in Europe. The site of Trinity (English) Church was presented by Garibaldi when dictator. King Victor Emmanuel with the Contessa di Miraflore, was spending the Carnival in Naples, while Prince Humbert was doing the honors at Rome. The grand stair case in the Royal Palace among the finest in existence. The marble decorations of the Church S. Martino are sumptuous. The Neapolitan horses small but spirited, carriages and harness neat, abundant brass mountings kept scrupulously clean. The cab drivers are experts at cracking their whips.
- 9th—4 p.m. train to Foggia, arriving 9 45 p.m. Albergo Victoria—uncomfortable.
- 10—Breakfast at Station Restaurant, the steward of which has a few bedrooms in an adjoining house, the only comfortable place. 11 25 a.m. train to Brindisi, arriving 6 15 p.m. Grande Albergo Delle Indie Orientali. Beautiful day, fine Italian sunset. Occasional views of the Adriatic. Abundance of Olive trees, many old ones had their boughs propped up with stone supports.
- 13th—P. and O. Steamship *Zambesi* sailed 5 a.m. with the Italian mails (despatched from London 8 30 p.m. on the 10th) for Alexandria. Good view of the Greek coast, Bay of Navarino, Mount St. Elias covered with snow.
- 16th—Anchored in Alexandria harbour 11 a.m. Excellent new harbour works nearly completed. H. M. S. *Invincible* and *Research* just arrived to escort the Prince of Wales on his return from India. Hotel De L'Europe, Place Mehemet Ali. Khedive's Palace at Ramlah, Cleopatra's Needle, Mahmoudieh Canal, Public Gardens, Pompey's Pillar.
- 17th—Saunter about the city; activity in the Cotton Market. Arab hovels usurp the crust of the grand old city so completely wiped out. Examined some old cisterns, immense subterranean warehouses.
- 18th—8 a.m. Express to Cairo, arriving 12 30 p.m. Very dusty. The grist wind mills prominent. Grand New Hotel Esbekieh, badly managed. The Mosque Sultan Hassan the finest, that of Mohammed Ali commanding site and rich materials, wanting in design and harmony. Alabaster bath room in the Citadel Palace, from the Platform the view, bounded by the Pyramids, is splendid towards sunset.
- 19th—Removed to Shepherd's Hotel, most comfortable. The Khedive presented site of new Eng-

lish Church. It is to be regretted that the beautiful Saracenic Architecture has been crowded out where modern improvements have crept in, in place of being adapted to altered circumstances.

- 20th—The Egyptian Museum under Mariette's direction opened in 1863, when the exportation of antiquities was prohibited, of high merit. The Khedive's Stables at Boulac, richly equipped. Hoarded three Dahabehs, one fine iron hull. The Shoobra Gardens and Fountain the favourite residence of Mohammed Ali. The Kiosk was lighted with gas before any part of the City of Paris. Roads, diverging from Cairo, have been recently planted with the shady tebekh tree.
- 21st—Went on board at Boulac, the Khedive's Nile Steamers, Tug-boats in fact, not adapted for passengers. American river boats the best construction for the Nile service. Crossed the small branch of the Nile to the Island of Rhoda, the Nilometer with its pointed arches. The Roman Fortress of Babylon, by Old Cairo, contains along its narrow lanes a number of Greek and Coptic Churches, peculiar in their architecture and furniture. In the subterranean Chapel Sitt Miriam of Abou Sirgeh two niches are shewn as the spots where the Virgin and Child and Joseph sat. In the Jewish Synagogue—a perverted Coptic Church dedicated to St. Michael, five old volumes of the Law and the Prophets wrapped in silk.
- 22nd—Mosque Tooloun the oldest in Cairo, remarkable for its pointed arches. Drive to Heliopolis, the oldest Obelisk in Egypt, in its majestic solitude, the "Virgin's Tree," a splendid old acyamore under which, by tradition, the Holy Family reposed. The Gezeereh Palace all fitted for the Prince of Wales, furniture exhibited Paris 1867, with Zoological Gardens attached, curious grotto constructed from the Petrified Forest.
- 23rd—The Tombs of the Borghite Memlook Sultan's to the North. El Ashraf possesses two columns, bases finished as capitals, and has a graceful minaret and dome. Iman-Esh-Shuffeh to the South where repose Mohammed Ali and family. By Consular order, with Cairene policeman and my drugoman visited, 1st the Mosque Azhar, the College of Cairo and the principal University of the East; 2nd, the Modiad, being partially restored; 3rd, El Ghoree the last erected by the Memlook Sultans of Egypt, decorated with handsome inlayings of marble and stone.
- 24th—Carriage drive to the Pyramids of Gezech. Ascended the interior to the King's Chamber, seeing the Queen's Chamber descending, used two large blue lights and magnesium wire. Attended by seven Arabs under Dr. Ahmed, first visitors for the day. Dr. Grant and Rev. F. R. A. Glover, spent a night taking measurements the previous week. Mounted the N. E. corner of the great pyramid about one-third of its height, thus acquiring a more correct idea of its dimensions—covering 13 acres. Paid our respects to the Sphinx. Mrs. Reid on a donkey. Entered the Temple, one mass of shifting dry sand, seeing the massive stone and alabaster casement of illustrious mummies. Explored the whole platform, tire-some owing to the sand.
- 25th—Return of the Mecca Caravan—grand military parade. A promiscuous Cairene crowd, a rarity to a European, affording varied studies. The Ablaseeyah road, the best for invalids, close to the pure air of the Desert. *Serapis* arrived Suez 7 a.m. Prince of Wales, escorted by an Egyptian guard of honor, entered Cairo shortly after 6 p.m.