

Glossary

- Aiwa, effendi*—Yes, noble sir.
Allah—God.
Allah-haly 'm ailla-haly—Singsong 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.
Dóush—(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.