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Joseph. No one knows where he lived while
in Egypt, nor how long he lived there; but it
cannot have been very long, for he was yet a
little boy when he returned to Canaan. It
must have grieved the holy soul of the Son of
God to see the Egyptians bowing down to
idols, for the land was then full of idols; but
after his ascension to heaven, one of his dis-
ciples went to Egypt to preach the Gospel. I
believe it was Mark who went. He was not an
apostle, but he was a disciple, and he was one
of the Four Evangelists. A great many Egyp-
tians became Christians in his days, but very
few are Christians *now*.

It was the Arabs who made them change
their religion. They came with their swords
in the name of the false prophet Mahomet.
Those who would not believe in Mahomet were
forced to wear round their necks a very heavy
cross, so heavy that the weight could hardly be
borne. A few of the Egyptians refused to
become Mahomedans, and their descendants
still live in the land, and are called Copts.

After the Arabs had ruled over Egypt a
long while, the Turks came, and conquered it.
The sultan at Constantinople used to be lord
of the land, but he does not rule over it now.

The king is called the pasha, and he has more