

water in the centre, and this is all we saw them eating, but our guide told us that they drink coffee in the morning and afternoon, though they had to go out to the coffee shops to get it. Writing was also being taught to the very young boys and this course of instruction was most primitive. They study their lessons sitting on the ground with their boots or sandals piled up in a box nearby, with a piece of tin for a slate, upon which they perform their exercises with a small brush and a pot of ink. They sleep in dormitories on the first floor of the building, surrounding large open courts.

A DAY AT SAKKARAH

There are many day excursions out of Cairo, but none so full of interest and variety as that to Sakkarah. We left our hotel at 9 a.m., driving a mile or so to the Nile, where we embarked on board a comfortable steamer and started down passing under one of the beautiful substantially built bridges crossing the river. The Nile is at no place so very wide that we could not plainly see what was going on on either side and while there was nothing much in the way of buildings, or villages, the inhabitants riding on camels, donkeys, etc., and the old river craft were sufficient to hold our attention until about noon, when we reached a spot near to the village of Mont Rahinch. It did not require any wharf for our accommodation, the pilot who