

inscriptions of Greek or Roman travellers before the Christian era. As recently as 1822 a Turkish governor of Assouan, to obtain stone for building a palace, destroyed the very interesting remains of two ancient temples in Elephantine, as well as an ancient nilometer, an old Roman quay, the remains of which, crowned by a creaking water-wheel, and backed by a fertile garden, are still very picturesque.

A few words before we close on the illustrations which accompany this article. Our frontispiece shows the very impressive hall of Luxor. The obelisk to the left is a twin of that in the *Place de la Concorde* in Paris. The colossal figures on either side of the tower have been recently, in part, exhumed. The basalt bust, on page 319, shows admirably the effect of its illumination by magnesium light. It was exceedingly impressive amid the surrounding darkness. The squalid hut of the fellah, on page 323, shows how these are sometimes roofed by empty pottery, which forms a light and at the same time strong covering. The date crop of Upper Egypt forms a very important part of its food supply. The picture on page 325 shows how the date fruit is gathered, by the Arabs climbing its rough stems with their tough feet.

PRAYER.

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FATHER of all, our needs are very many !
 For pardon and for purity we plead ;
 For grace on which to lean when strength is failing,
 And very present help in time of need ;
 Be every sigh a prayer, and every tear !
 We thank Thee that Thou knowest how to hear.

O listen to the Saviour's tender pleading,
 Who died, our inmost agony to reach ;
 O hear the Holy Spirit interceding
 With urgent prayer too passion-deep for speech ;
 Ourselves, we know not how—we cannot pray,
 Till Jesus and the Spirit show the way.

And Thou art mighty, yea, and Thou art willing,
 More than our fathers and our mothers are,
 To give great gifts as much above our asking,
 As from our earth the highest heaven is far ;
 Sure is Thy favour as that Thou dost live ;
 Now teach us how to take what Thou dost give !

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