



PAPER REEDS, EGYPT.

her strength and glory, we shall see how a remarkable threatening was uttered and has been fulfilled.

"And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts. And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up. And they shall turn the rivers far away, and the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up; the

*reeds and flags shall wither. The paper-reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and everything sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.*" Isa. xix. 4-7.

The "paper reeds" of Egypt are gone, and with them the fish ponds on the borders of the Nile. The sluices and pools which the Egyptians constructed have been broken down and choked with rubbish, and all the products which depended upon that elaborate system of irrigation