

## GLOSSARY

*Aiwa*, Yes.

*Allah hu Achbar*, God is most great.

*Al'mah*, female professional singers, signifying "a learned female."

*Ardab*, a measure equivalent to five English bushels.

*Backsheesh*, tip, *douceur*.

*Balass*, earthen vessel for carrying water.

*Básha*, Pasha.

*Bersim*, clover.

*Bismillah*, in the name of God.

*Bowdb*, a doorkeeper.

*Dahabieh*, a Nile houseboat with large lateen sails.

*Darabukkeh*, a drum made of a skin stretched over an earthenware funnel.

*Dourha*, maize.

*Effendina*, most noble.

*El Ashar*, the Arab university at Cairo.

*Feddan*, a measure of land representing about an acre.

*Fellah*, the Egyptian peasant.

*Ghiassa*, small boat.

*Hakim*, doctor.

*Hasheesh*, leaves of hemp.

*Inshallah*, God willing.

*Kánoon*, a musical instrument like a dulcimer.

*Kavass*, an orderly.

*Kemengh*, a cocoanut fiddle.