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PREFACE

HAVING been advised by many of my friends that a record of my life during a period of twenty-five years (1863 to 1887), the whole of which time was spent in Egypt, might be of interest to a number of people, I have endeavoured in the following pages to give an account of a young Englishman's life in what was then practically an unexploited country.

Egypt, although of such vast antiquity, was, at the time I first went there, comparatively unknown commercially to the European countries. Since, however, the opening of the Suez Canal, and the Anglo-French control, it has advanced rapidly to its present prosperity.

For many years, as an English official of the Egyptian Government, I enjoyed the friendship of a great number of notable people, and, as I persistently refused to belong to any party or clique, I was in the position of one who sees both sides of the game.

As I do not wish to pose as an historian, many things must necessarily be omitted, yet I trust enough will remain to give an interesting insight into Egyptian life in those days.
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