

CHAP. VIII.

NECROPOLIS OF THE OASIS. — CHRISTIAN CHURCHES. —
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HAVING described the principal temple of el
 Khargeh, I must now give an account of the
 objects of interest in its immediate vicinity.

NECROPOLIS OF THE OASIS.

We perceived on a hill, a mile and a quarter
 due north from the temple, what appeared to us
 at a distance to be a dwelling-place of the living :
 but recollecting the descriptions of the travellers
 who visited this region before us, we were aware,
 that it must be the necropolis mentioned in their
 works. The distant view of this city of the dead