

CHAP. XVI.

PTOLEMY. — STRABO MENTIONS THREE OASES. — NAMES IN THE GREEK AND HIEROGLYPHIC INSCRIPTIONS ON THE MONUMENTS. — NUMBER OF TEMPLES ERECTED BY THE ROMANS. — OLYMPIODORUS, THE FIRST AUTHOR WHO MENTIONS THE OASIS OF DAKKEL OR WESTERN OASIS. — ATHANASIVS TOOK REFUGE IN ONE OF THE MONASTERIES OF THE OASIS MAGNA. — NESTORIUS EXILED TO THAT REGION. — JUVENAL. — TIMASIVS. — ATHANASIVS'S DESCRIPTION OF THE OASIS. — ARABIAN GEOGRAPHERS. — DESCRIPTION BY EDRISSI. — BY ABULFEDA. — BY JACUTUS. — BY LEO AFRICANUS. — HARTMAN. — PONCET, THE FIRST MODERN TRAVELLER WHO VISITED ANY OF THESE REGIONS.

PTOLEMY mentions two Oases, which he calls the greater and the lesser. The greater he places in the parallel of Abydus, and the lesser near the lake Mœris, but to the south of its parallel. Ptolemy places the first in latitude $26^{\circ} 55'$, and the lesser in $28^{\circ} 45'$. Pliny also mentions two Oases.