

eyes, and why should we," and thus they faithfully follow the Koran and allow their children to grow up, without even the application of water to their eyes, which in time, with the flying sand dust become inflamed, which results in whole or partial loss of sight.

But we can never forget that ride through the tall date trees growing over the ruins of Memphis. The ruins were in a splendidly preserved state, notwithstanding the many centuries that have passed since they represented the first city of Egypt. Of course a great part of the old city lies many feet below the ground, over which we walked, but in places, no doubt uncovered by present day explorers, one could obtain an excellent idea of the houses and streets of the great city and it made us think as we rode our donkeys, of the changes that have been wrought in this world in the course of the centuries of its existence. Here was a city, the greatest and most prosperous in its day several thousands of years ago, with ruins in excellent preservation eight hundred years ago, and only through the admiration of the people of that time, has a record of this city itself been given to the present day historians. Then we came to the colossal statue of Rameses the Second, which once marked the entrance to the temple of Memphis.

In the old Egyptian period, several thousands of years ago, it was customary for the Kings, Caliphs, or rulers of the country to