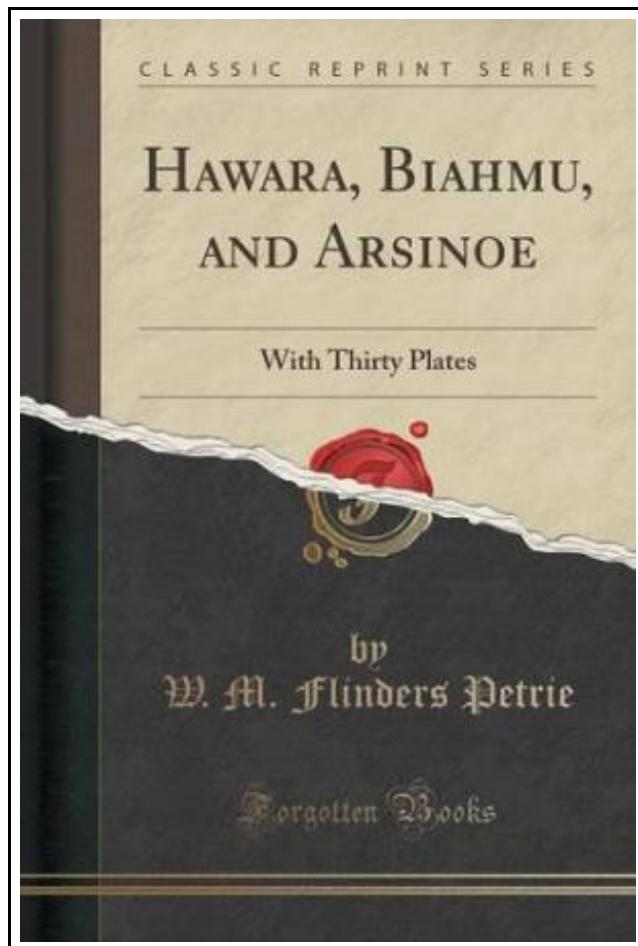


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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Hawara, Biahmu, and Arsinoe: With Thirty Plates I. On applying last autumn to M. Grebaut to have some place named for my excavations, he decided on allotting the Fayum province to me; it was not being worked by any one else - the department of antiquities not having touched it for quarter of a century, - and it was a district containing many interesting problems. After copying plans and making notes in England, to make certain of what was already known, I arrived in due course at Medinet el Fayum, and settled on the side of the great mounds, hard by a mill, once more living free in a tent. The place is pleasant enough in the winter; but when the khamsin winds blow, the clouds of dust arise like a thick brown fog. I soon got together some men from the village of Menshiet Abdallah at the end of the mounds; and they went with me afterwards to Hawara. Medinet el Fayum is the modern town which represents the ancient Arsinoe, so named by Ptolemy Philadelphos in honour of his sister-wife; it lies at the extreme south of the old site, which covers a space of over a mile long and half a mile wide, a vast wilderness of mounds strewn with pottery. At the opposite end of the ruins, toward the north, is the great temple enclosure of the old Egyptian town. Before its name of Arsinoe, the city had obtained the name of Crocodilopolis, from the worship of the sacred crocodiles maintained there; and still earlier it was known as Shed - meaning, apparently, that which is saved, cut out, delivered, or...



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