

upon them for making the great sacrifice. It is known as the Mahommedan pilgrimage.

It was interesting from first to last and we would have enjoyed it more than we did but for a sandstorm which filled our eyes with sand and street dust, in the earlier part of the morning. We afterwards wore the colored glasses which are necessary in Egypt. Our next visit was to the Koran University, where nothing but the Koran is taught and this to about five thousand students. Our guide said "eight thousand," but we failed to see how we could prove his estimate and we would rather bank on what we saw than on what he said. We entered the institution through the "barbers" gate, said to have been christened thus because the students were in the habit of meeting their barbers there. We were compelled to don the Arabic slippers before entering the buildings, the first of which was the library, where we saw some very old books, beautifully illuminated and all treating on the biography of ancient Kings, Caliphs and Khedives, with a diary of their doings during their regimes. Some of the books were thousands of years old, yet in a perfect state of preservation. We afterwards visited what might be called an inner court with stone flooring, and upon this were congregated over a thousand students, lying or sitting cross-legged upon the floor, with the exception of those who were asleep, and here as well as throughout the university, if any of the students were inclined to fall asleep,