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THE modes of travel in the East have undergone almost no change since the time when Joseph was sold to the company of Ishmaelites going down into Egypt, with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh. The cut on this page might well illustrate the scene. There are still few good roads in Palestine, almost none for wheeled vehicles, so camels and asses are still the chief means of travel and chief sources of wealth. That

humble, long-suffering beast of burden, the ass, has in a sense—as far as a dumb beast can be—been canonized in religious art, as bearing the Virgin Mother into Egypt, and as carrying the meek and lowly Christ in triumph into Jerusalem. For long journeys, and for bearing heavy burdens, the patient camel is indispensable.

MEDITATION is the soul's perspective glass; whereby, in her long remove, she discerneth God, as if he were nearer hand.—*Feltham*.