

famous saint, one Kwaja Sahib, who died at Ajmir, A.D. 1235. It is imperative that the shoes be removed before entering the enclosure. Many of the courtyards never see the sun, and the pavements are as cold as ice, so it is best to come wearing two or three pairs of thick socks, or with a large pair pulled over the



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shoes. The magnificent gateway is called the *Dilkusha*, or "heart expanding," opening out into a wide courtyard, containing two vast iron pots, in which messes of rice, oil, sugar, raisins and almonds are cooked and distributed to the pilgrims who come from a distance to the great annual festival of the holy Kwaja. Some 10,000 pounds of ingredients are cooked in the larger, and