

pagans which are called *vritanes*.<sup>1</sup> And as willingly doth he permit the pagans to go to hear the preachment of the friars; so that the pagans go very willingly, and often behave with great devoutness, and bestow upon the friars great alms. And so, also, this emperor most readily sendeth his people to lend aid and succour to the Christians when they have any need, and ask it of the emperor.

*Here endeth the discourse concerning the governance of the state of the Grand Caan, sovereign Emperor of the Tartars.*

<sup>1</sup> I have not been able to trace this term, but it probably contains the Sanscrit *Vihāra*, a Buddhist monastery; perhaps *Vihārasthāna*, if there be such a compound.