

NOTE 2.—“*Cum sez regisles et cum sez casses.*” (G. T.) I suppose the former expression to be a form of *Regules*, which is used in Polo’s book for persons of a religious *rule* or order, whether Christian or Pagan. The latter word (*casses*) I take to be the Arabic *Kashish*, properly a Christian Presbyter, but frequently applied by old travellers, and habitually by the Portuguese (*caxiz, caxix*), to Mahomedan Divines. (See *Cathay*, p. 568.) It may, however, be *Kâzi*.

Pauthier’s text has simply “à ses prestres de la Loi.”

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## CHAPTER VIII.

HOW THE CHRISTIANS WERE IN GREAT DISMAY BECAUSE OF WHAT  
THE CALIF HAD SAID.

THE Christians on hearing what the Calif had said were in great dismay, but they lifted all their hopes to God, their Creator, that He would help them in this their strait. All the wisest of the Christians took counsel together, and among them were a number of bishops and priests, but they had no resource except to turn to Him from whom all good things do come, beseeching Him to protect them from the cruel hands of the Calif.

So they were all gathered together in prayer, both men and women, for eight days and eight nights. And whilst they were thus engaged in prayer it was revealed in a vision by a Holy Angel of Heaven to a certain Bishop who was a very good Christian, that he should desire a certain Christian Cobler,<sup>1</sup> who had but one eye, to pray to God; and that God in His goodness would grant such prayer because of the Cobler’s holy life.

Now I must tell you what manner of man this Cobler was. He was one who led a life of great uprightness and chastity, and who fasted and kept from all sin, and went daily to church to hear Mass, and gave daily a portion of his gains to God. And the way how he came to have but one eye was this. It happened one day that