

hood had endured heat and cold and fatigue in the desert, far from the enervating influence of the easy agricultural life of the fertile oases. Such intensity is often supposed to be a result of Mohammedan fanaticism and fatalism. More probably it is the result of life in the desert. There none succeed except those who, though often lazy and dilatory, are capable at times of becoming almost monomaniacs, fanatics, animated by the will to do some deed in spite of heaven or hell.