

not above forty per cent., while of women it is estimated as under sixty per cent. In Arabia there has been scant intellectual progress since the time of Mohammed. The Bedouins are nearly all illiterate, and in spite of the attempt of Turkish officials to open schools, there is little that deserves the name of education, even in the large towns. Persia now has a constitution, but it has no national system of education, and ninety per cent. of the population are illiterate. In Baluchistan, according to the British census, only 117 per 1,000 of the Mohammedan men and only 23 per 1,000 among the women can read. But the most surprising, and at the same time the most accurate statistics of illiteracy are those of India. According to the last census, the total of illiterates among the 62,458,077 Mohammedans of India is the enormous figure of 59,674,499, or about 96 per cent. Such wide-spread illiteracy in all lands, and especially prevalent among Moslem women, results in every sort of superstition in the home-life and among the lower and middle classes. Even among the leaders of education modern science is despised or feared, and everything turns, on the Ptolemaic system, round the little world of the Koran. Jinn are exorcised; witches and the evil-eye avoided by amulets and talismans; alchemy and astrology are diligently studied;