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Time should not blot out the past from mankind,
nor fame be denied to great and wonderful deeds.

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The Arabians, . . . since the time of Muhammad, rendered themselves universally remarkable, both by their arms and learning. The understanding, therefore, of their affairs seems no less if not more necessary than a knowledge of the history of any people whatsoever, who have flourished since the decline of the Roman Empire.

SIMON OCKLEY, *The History of the Saracens*

We cannot understand . . . unless we are willing to bear constantly in mind two complementary truths: first the essential similarity of human nature in all ages, and secondly the dissimilarity of men's environment. . . . These will explain the remarkable self-devotion of the best characters and . . . the carelessness of the multitude, into which the theological teaching seldom penetrated beneath the surface.

G. G. COULTON, *Mediaeval Panorama*

