

BOOK REVIEWS

SHORT NOTICES

Latif Ahmad Sherwani, *Speeches, Writings and Statements of Iqbal*. Lahore: Iqbal Academy, 1977 (3rd rev. ed.). Demy 8vo., xii, 263 pp. Clothbound, Rs 35.00.

This is the revised and enlarged edition of the book, previously entitled *Speeches and Statements of Iqbal* (under the compiler's pseudonym "Shamloo"). Mr Sherwani has taken great pains, not only in rechecking most of the material but also including much fresh material.

The book has been attractively produced and, compared with prices of books of similar size, is reasonably priced.

—M. Ashraf Darr

B.A. Dar. *What Should Then Be Done, O People of the East* (Iqbal's *Pas Chih Bayad Kard Ay Aqwam-i Sharq*). Lahore, Iqbal Academy, 1977. Demy 8vo., xii, 146 pp. Cloth-bound, Rs 30.00.

This is a valuable addition to English translation of Iqbal's works by a reputed scholar. Mr B.A. Dar, formerly Director of Iqbal Academy, is fully qualified for the task which he has accomplished meritoriously. He has provided very useful explanatory notes to each piece which go a long way in giving the reader much background knowledge.

—M. Ashraf Darr

G.N. Jalbani, *Life of Shah Waliyullah*, Lahore: Sh. Muhammad Ashraf, 1978. Demy 8vo., iv, 92 pp. Index. Paperback, Rs 15.

Though small in volume, the book under review is a useful contribution to literature on Shah Waliyullah. In spite, of the author's limitations, the work he has done by his writings on Shah Waliyullah and by his translating some of his classics is quite large.

According to the author, the information contained in the book "is mainly gathered from his [Shah Waliyullah's] writings."

Rs 15.00 is a bit too high a price for a paperback book of this volume. The book is well printed and produced.

—M. Ashraf Darr

Ismaail A. B. Balogun, *Islam Versus Ahmadiyyah in Nigeria*, Lahore: Sh. Muhammad Ashraf, 1977. Demy 8vo., xii, 122 pp. Rs 17.50.

The author, an earstwhile Ahmadi, describes in this book the cause of his discarding Ahmadism. It was on the Saudi Arabian Embassy's blunt refusal in 1973 to allow Nigerian Ahmadis to perform Hajj of January 1974 that he started to "weigh the beliefs and practices of the Ahmadis against the widely accepted teachings of Islam," finally discovering a "basic congruity between Islam and Ahmadiyyah and also between Muslims and Ahmadis." Forty years active Ahmadi himself, he felt "hesitant to put forward the findings. Eventually, he offered *Tabajjud Istikbarah* prayer one night when it was hinted to him to go straight to his desk and start writing. An article was the result which was published in a Nigerian paper. This brought many a rejoinder from the Ahmadiyyah side. The present book includes this article and others

that he wrote along with the Ahmadiyyah rejoinders, all of which provide good reading material on the subject.

—M. Ashraf Darr