

SIR THOMAS ARNOLD DAY

Saturday 19 November 1988

at

The University of Birmingham

under the auspices of the

Iqbal Academy (UK)

Thomas Walker Arnold

1864-1930

Teacher of Iqbal

it was his contact that formed my soul and put it on the road
to knowledge."

— Iqbal

FRONTISPIECE

One hundred years ago, in 1888, Thomas Walker Arnold took up his appointment as teacher of philosophy in the Anglo-Mohammadan College at Aligarh, where he came under the College, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. On the latter's death in 1898 Arnold moved to Lahore as Professor of Philosophy at the renowned Government College. It was there that he came into contact with the student Iqbal and, as Iqbal acknowledged, had a profound influence on the course of the latter's education and thinking.

At this Sir Thomas Arnold Day conference we will be examining the close and enduring relationship between Arnold and Iqbal, the development of Arnolds own thinking and career both at Aligarh and at Lahore, and the role of both these institutions in the context of the development of education in India.

Arnold was a man of many interests, but especially of religion, art and oriental philosophy. His own background in England as the son of an ironmonger was not that of the usual administrators and colonialists of the British Raj; and perhaps for that reason he was able to identify more readily with the Muslims of India, even to the extent of dressing in Muslim costume when teaching at Aligarh.

After his return from India in 1904 he became the Sub-Librarian of the India Office Library from 1904 to 1921, and took on the responsibility of the welfare of Indian Students in England. He was also teaching Arabic at University College, London, where Iqbal deputized for him for about six months (1907-08). In 1921 he was appointed to the Chair of Arabic at what is now the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, and was knighted for his services to the Indian Students Department.

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Saturday 19 November 1988, 2.30 - 5.30 pm.
in the Council Chamber, Guild of Students,
University of Birmingham

The meeting will be presided over by **H.E. The Ambassador of Pakistan, Mr Shaharyar M Khan**

SPEAKERS

Dr Saeed A Durrani, Chairman, Iqbal Academy—
Sir Thomas Arnold and Iqbal

Dr Christian W Troll, Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham—
Sir Thomas Arnold as a Student of Islam

Mr Arnold R Barfield, London, and
Dr Lawrence H Barfield, University of Birmingham—
The Life of Thomas Arnold: the Family Perspective

□ The talks will be accompanied by an exhibition of some of the publications as well as possessions and photographs of Sir Thomas, which have been kept by his family, including a letter and postcards from Iqbal

□ A new portrait of Sir Thomas Arnold, commissioned by the Academy from the prominent Pakistan artist, Shaikh M Saeed, will be inaugurated by H.E. The Ambassador.

□ Recitation of Iqbal's poetry

□ Refreshments

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Attendance by invitation
(Please bring this leaflet with you.)

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