

FOREWORD

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I wish to start by offering, on behalf of the Iqbal Academy (UK), our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Iqbal Academy Pakistan for very kindly agreeing to publish, in Iqbal Review, the Proceedings of our 'Sir Thomas Arnold Day' conference, held at the University of Birmingham, England, on Saturday, 19 November 1988. These are the second of our Proceedings carried in the Iqbal Review, the first being those of our International Seminar on 'Iqbal and Mysticism', held on 7 November 1987 (also at the University of Birmingham), and published in the Winter 1988 Issue of this Journal (Volume 29, No. 3, Oct.-Dec. 1988, pp. 1-126). We are most grateful to the Director, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, as well as the Editor and the Associate Editor of Iqbal Review for their hospitality - which puts into effect a part of the 'concordat' between the Pakistan and UK Iqbal Academies that was drawn-up in April 1988 at Lahore during my visit to the formers Head Office.

Secondly, a few words about the Sir Thomas Arnold Day itself. The event was made possible almost entirely by the fact that Iqbal Academy (UK) is fortunate to have as a member of its Management Committee, Dr Lawrence H. Barfield, who is the maternal grandson of Iqbal's illustrious mentor and lifelong friend, Sir Thomas Arnold. Some of the background of how I first became acquainted with the fact of this family connection will be found in my article (contained in these Proceedings) entitled 'Sir Thomas Arnold and Iqbal'. I have been very fortunate in being able to count Lawrence as a valued and close friend over the years, who has been ever willing to help in my researches into the life of Iqbal (especially in Europe). It was our ability to draw upon the invaluable store of material, both in terms of family recollections and archival material and in the form of personal relics, memorabilia, and publications of that great savant of Islam - as well as benefactor and friend of Iqbal -, that first gave me the idea that, of all the Iqbal Academies in the world, ours (i.e. Iqbal Academy (UK)) was the one most suited - and privileged - to hold a function to honour Sir Thomas Arnold and to highlight his relationship with Iqbal. When, therefore, Lawrence Barfield reminded us early in 1988 that was the centenary year of his grandfather's arrival in India (to teach at the Muhammadan Anglo

Oriental College at Aligarh - now the Muslim University Aligarh), we at the Iqbal Academy were spurred into action, and readily agreed to hold a commemorative function to mark that occasion. The results - and details - of that activity will be found in the following pages.

It may be worth mentioning here that, in addition to preparing these Proceedings, we have also made a video recording of the whole function, including that of the books and memorabilia comprising the exhibition that accompanied the speeches, so that a complete audio-visual record has been preserved of this, possibly unique, event which is of considerable significance not only to Iqbal' but also to the world of Islam in general. (For the record: a video recording of our 1987 'Iqbal and Mysticism' seminar was also made.)

It remains for me only to thank all the speakers who read papers at the Arnold Day; the families of Arnold and Lawrence Barfield (and both of them personally) for putting together the memorabilia of Sir Thomas for the exhibition - and indeed for gracing the occasion with their presence in such strength, viz. comprising members of Arnold's 3rd to 5th generations; the well known Pakistani painter, Shaikh M. Saeed, for producing, and presenting to the Academy, two portraits of Sir Thomas Arnold; and Mr. Salimuddin Qureshi of India Office Library, London, for bringing supplementary archival material to our exhibition. And lastly, but by no means least, I must express my sincere thanks to my old friend from our Cambridge days, His Excellency the Ambassador of Pakistan, Mr. Shaharyar M. Khan. As I have said elsewhere in the pages that follow, it was the second successive November that Shaharyar Khan had honoured Iqbal Academy (UK) by presiding over our Annual Function. We are most grateful to him for his support and encouragement - which gains an extra dimension when it is remembered that Shaharyar Khan's illustrious maternal grandfather, Nawab Hameedullah Khan of Bhopal, was a great devotee of Iqbal, who helped him in many ways, especially during the poet's last - and protracted - illness. We hope that this association between the Ambassador of Pakistan and Iqbal Academy (UK) will continue in the years to come."

Perhaps I might conclude by adding just a few lines about these Proceedings themselves. The first point to be made is that they reflect what actually happened during the Iqbal Academy (UK)'s Sir Thomas Arnold Day Conference: we have not attempted to make a comprehensive coverage of all Professor Arnold's achievements and activities during a very fruitful life.

These have been adequately covered in the obituary published by Sir Thomas's friend, Sir Marc Aurel Stein ('Thomas Walker Arnold, 1864-1930', in Proceedings of the British Academy, XVI (1930), to which the interested reader is referred. Secondly, I have added some editorial comments and footnotes to some of the speeches reproduced in the following pages. This applies, in particular, to the Presidential Address made by H.E. the Ambassador of Pakistan, which had to be transcribed from a tape recording (for which I wish to thank Eileen Shinn, the Academy's secretarial assistant, for successfully accomplishing an arduous task). Some footnotes have also been added to the paper by the Barfield brothers.

NOTES & REFERENCES

Postscript. It is a pleasure to add that Mr Shaharyar Muhammad Khan did, indeed, continue the tradition to a third successive November, when, on 22nd November 1989, he was the Guest of Honour at the Iqbal Day, jointly organized by the Iqbal Academy (UK) and the Cambridge University Students' Society, and held at Trinity College, Cambridge (Iqbal's old college). The ceremony was presided over by the Master of Trinity - the Nobel Laureate, Sir Andrew Huxley, FRS. - S.A.D.