فقوا خوس كود : B substitutes : مالزم 6: Naf.: مالزم 6: B substitutes : محقى نود روى 8: A, C, E add احمد before احمد See Naf., 550; Rawd. Ray., 201. 9: K: راة بشيخ : 10: K, Naf.: قصد زيارت for رو بوتيارت : 13: A, C omit بهر for عمر : 17: A, C, E, Naf.: بهر for عمر : 18: A, C, E, K: شده المحدد : 17: A, C, E, Naf.: مقعد ; also Naf.; Rawd Ray. 19: A, C, E: مقعد ; also Naf.; Rawd Ray. 19: A, C, E: مقعد : 20: إلمهل. كان المحدد : 20: إلماني ست وصبع نا مسكون : 22: ولايتي ست وصبع بالمحدد : 20: المكون المكون : 22: ولايتي ست وصبع بالمحدد : 20: المكون المكون

1: ابو سعيد أبو الخير hame occurs twice thus in Guz., 785. but as الله بن ابي الخير on p. 784; see also Naf., 366; Browne, Lit. Hist., II, 261. 3: A, C, E, M: بران for و بنان before بنان 9: MSS., except K, omit بالله بن المخارة بالله بن ابي الخير و بالله بن ابي الخير و بالله بن الله بن ابي الخير و بالله بن الله بن ابي الخير و بالله بن الله بن الله

1: MSS., except B, invert: طيور و وحوش. 2: A, C, E:

5: Awl., I, 17¹¹, omits و before حركت. 6: A, B, C, E omit ما. 14: A, C, E, K: ميزشم. A, E omit نه ; C substitutes ما. 16: A, B, C, E omit باز before ما. 18: A, C, E, K omit و A, B, C, E omit بود و Awl. (18⁶) omits بود ; Awl. (18⁶) omits بود

- 13: كوتو حق استاد و شاگردى ; Naf.: استاد شاگردى ; Naf.: وتو حق استاد و شاگردى ; Naf.: و Naf.: وتو بين سعد بين زنگى , Atābek of Fārs (r. 628-658)—Guz., 507-8. ان باز before و before و before و A, C omit باز افتار الله مناز ; B, K ويسى رحمه الله مى نياز ; Nat. 543 ; Rawd Ray., 220 (الهتار اليمني) ; Naw. Kish. ed. of Naf. (Lucknow, 1333/1915) ; مثار اليمني .
- 9: Naf., 544; A, C, E omit جبيل; Yāf., IV, 225, Rawḍ. Ray., 197: بن جبيل; see also Rawḍ. Ray., 219-220, for following narrative. 10: Naf. has الله before علم له before علم before علم but of. Naf. 11: E, Naf. omit كه before يا 14: A, B, C, E omit الله 19: Naf., 549; Rawḍ. Ray., 177.
- 3: MSS. omit رى,—cf. Naf. (l.c.). 5: A, C, E, K invert:

same work, الصروان is the name given to the garden. 4. A, C, K: بر for برب for قرب . 6: A, C, E, K: بر for قرب . 9: Qur., LXVIII (مورة الفلم و قبل النون). 13: صفوموت . 18. Nuz. (263) a town of this name is mentioned as the site of the tomb of the Prophet Hūd. 14: A, C, E, K omit المعارث لله before المعارث . 17: A, C, E: اخلجات . 18: A, C, E: بطرف من المعارث . كا بر طرف . 20: A, واقع (من A, C) شود . 22: A, C, E: بطرف for بر طرف .

- 14 7: شخر -- Āṭḥār, 31; Sh. 'Ul., 53; Nuz., 263. For various accounts of the منتاس, see ad-Damiri's Ḥay. al-Ḥayawān, II, 307 (ed. Eg., 1309). 10: K: درآن for بدان for ارم -- Āṭḥār: نلبا کان من الغد -- Āṭḥār, 9; Ḥab., I, 1 علي Sh. 'Ul., 2.
- ا مائة الف منظرة : كون ك . 7: Athār و before و 5: A, C, E add و 5: A, C, E add هو 5: A, C, E omit الله عند الله عند 10: A, C, E, K add كه after الله عند الله عن قلابة 18: Athār و 10. 21: A, C, E, M omit و before و for ال
- 3: Uwais—Tar. Awl., I, 15; Yāf. (i.e. مرآة العبناس, ed. Hyderabad, 1337), I, 102; Rawdu'r-Rayāḥīn (ed. Eg., 1301), 128. 4: A, B, C, E omit this benediction. 6: A, C, E: نقل for بعرصات بر آورند و ببهشت رود . 7: ef. Awl., l.c.: بعرصات بر آورند و ببهشت رود ; (folios in M corresponding to pp. 19-25 are missing). 17: K, and Awl., I, 1625: درمیان for بیش for بیش . 19: A, B, C, E invert: او را شیا ; Awl., I, 173 as in text (K): 22: K:
- رقوت صادر : 3: A, B, C, E omit و before شبانگاه 3: A, B, C, E و 2: A, B, C, E

Caliph did not die till three years later" (Moh. Dyn., 74); he sent his brother Tūrān Shāh in 569 to conquer it (Redhouse, Resūlī Dyn., Tr. I, Intro. 20; Ḥab., II, 4144); the latter left in 571; in 577 Ṣalāḥu'd-Din appointed another brother, who ruled till 593,—possibly his name should be substituted for that of ملك كامل (I. 22; A, B; C, E: كالل); in 612, Malik Mas'ūd b. Kāmii b. 'Ādil was sent as governor, and ruled till 625 or 6 (Redhouse, I.c., 20-27: Ḥab., II, 41478; Moh. Dyn., 79). 23: the Rasūlids held power from 626-858 (Moh. Dyn., 99); "the title (Rasūl) became a kind of surname to a certain Muhammed son of Hárûn, grandfather to the founder of the Resúliyy dynasty in Yemen" (Redhouse, III (Annot.), n. 162, p. 29).

130 l: غسان (also l. 4)—appears to be an error; the Rasūlids were succeeded, in 850, by the بنوطاهر, who traced their origin to the tribe of Quraish and house of Umaiyah (Redhouse, Intro., 28-9); the Tāhirids remained in power till 923, in which year the Ottoman Emperor, Sultan Salim I, overthrew the power of Egypt, and took also from the Mamlüks Syria and Arabia (Moh. Dyn., 188). 2: سليم بن سليمان , i.e. Salim II, r. i.e. Murād مُراد : 5 . ولايت for مملكت : 4: A, C, E, K مراد . 5 III, r. 982-1003 (date of composition of H. Iq. is 1002 A.H.). see Enc. of -- علي بن عمر الشاذلي : 10 .يكي 8: A, C, E omit Islam, art. Kahwa, 631. 11: آصف - Wazir of King Solomon (Tab., I, 588; Enc. of Islam, I, 476). 13: قات Enc. of Islam, I, 369. A, C, E, K: insert مي before نامند. 14: A, C, E omit نيك. 15: مَنْعاء - Āthār, 33; Ḥab., Khāt., 2. A, C, E, K: sup., 1r, 15. جييع for جييع. 20:

الضروان, see Āthār, 33. 3: باغ —acc. to Āthār, 34, الضروان, is the name of the واد (i.e. جَنَّة); acc. to Yāq., III, 470, ناغ or جَنَّة is the name of the واد and the adjoining township; in the Ḥāṣḥ. of Sulaimān al-Jamal, IV, 378, ed. Cairo, 1318,—see Brock., II, 145) on صروان, الفسير العبلالين is given as the name of the village in which the garden was situated, while in the Hāṣḥ. of Aḥmad aṣ-Ṣāwi (IV, 184, ed. 2nd, Cairo, 1327) on the

سيحان . 23 : A, E : حرزاد , Ḥab., I, 2^{60} : ميحان , marg, حرزاد , cf. . Tab., I, 1065.

; **نوش خان :.B).** MSS) و چون ... ازو tor و پس ازو :B). MSS بهر for بوهو : cf. Țab., I, 988, 1039. 3 : K نوشجان ; ef. Tab., I 7: الأصود - see Ṭab., Index, p. 40; Ath., Index, p. 145; Ḥab., , A ; عشی for عنسی ; B, C, K : عیسی ; for عشی E ; عشری ; A , by تاریخ الیمن 10 #.: for the history of this period, see تاریخ الیمن Najmu'd-Din 'Umārah al-Ḥakami, ed. with trans. and notes by H. C. Kay, London, 1892; also the histor, summary in Redhouse's Hist. of the Resūlī Dyn. of Yemen, III, 1, Introd. (Gibb Mem. Ser)., and Huart's Hist. d. Arabes, II, 241. 11: كل زياء — Kay, o.c., 4; Lane-Poole's Moham. Dyn., 90 (Ziyādid dyn. continued from 204-409 A.H.; with it was "inaugurated the rule of independent dynastics in Arabia, though the Caliphs still continued to appoint governors at intervals " (Moh. Dyn., Re انطس (B, C, E, K: اقطس), cf. Tab., III, 981, 988. 89). Tar. Guz., 312; Ḥab., II, 331. A, B, C, K omit به before منصورين فضل الكوفي : see Hab., 11, 352. 12 طباطبا بني طباطبا —the composition of this name adds to the confusion regarding the two Qarmatī emissaries "Manṣūr al-Yaman" and 'Alī b. Fadl (d. 303). The text should read either معهد بن فضل (A<u>th</u>., Khald.), or على بن فضل (Umārah, Yāf. (II, 272); for other references, see Kay, 322, n. 131). The nisbah الكوفى is given to " Manṣūr al-Yaman" (Kay, 323). 14: A, C, E: ازر for ازان. According to Kay (229) the Imamate was claimed by Abu Hāshim al-Ḥasan in 422. نفس زكيّة—cf. Khald. (Kay, 140; ib., معمد بن عبد الله بن حسن , the designation of the Mahdī 16: Kay (229, f. n.) dates the arrival of an-Nāṣir in Yaman between 430 and 440, and adds that he is said to have been killed by 'Alt as-Şulaiht (inf., l. 18) shortly after 440; for his genealogy, see Kay, 302, tab. 17: A, C, E, K: گشت for گشته. 17-18: 'Alī first appeared in Yaman in 439; about 453 he conquered Ṣan'ā' (Kay, 230 ; Redhouse, 12 ; *cf.* A<u>th</u>., IX, 422. 19: آل ذريع —see Kay, 307 (r. 476-569 A.H.). 20: the date 554 is an error ; "al-Maliku'n-Nāṣir Ṣalāḥu'd-Dīn became virtual master of Egypt in 1169 (564), though the last Fatimid

- 1: MSS. omit مخ,—cf. Ḥab., l.c. 2: A, E, K, Ḥab., Ṭab. (I, 918): مرته. A, C, E, K omit عبر له 4: K: رومه. A, C, E omit مستشرا . 5: genealogy of رُوعَه given in Ḥab., l.c. 9: Qur., LXXXV, 4. 11: A, C, E, K, Ḥab., p. 57: موكس كه . 16: A, C, E, K: شده for شد 17: A, B, C, E omit, from homoiotel., the clause from ار نيز (both inclus.); it occurs in Ḥab. 18: C, E, K have ارباط ; A has been changed to ارباط ; ارباط ; Hamz., 135: ارباط ; Hish., 26, 28: ارباط ; so Ṭab., I, 927, but see f.n. there. 20: A, C, E omit

K omit و ن ; Hab., l.c., substitutes و ن ; cf. Hamz., l.c. 20 ; MSS.: بعداد ; A, C, E, Hab.: شراحيل ; cf. Sh. 'Ul , 109 ; بعداد ; Mas., Mur. Dhahab, I, 215, ed. Būlāq, 1283, Khald., II, 52, ed. Būlāq, 1283 ; الهدهاد بن شرحبيل . 21 ; MSS.: مدهاد hroughout for يست for يست for عمر . 22 ; K : المهداد بن شرحبيل . 23 ; K : الشر for عمر . A, C, E, Hab., الشر النام بن عمرو بن يعفر : for عمر (^1); cf. Tab., I, 683 ; ياسر بن عمرو بن يعفر : Sh. 'Ul., 117 ; ياسر ينعم ; Mas., I, 216 ; ياسر ينعم . Sh. 'Ul., 117 ; ياسر ينعم ; Mas., I, 216 ; ياسر ينعم .

1: see Sh. 'Ul., 56; Ṭab., 1, 890, 910; سابو كرب شمر برعش: Hab., I, 251 (with which H. Iq. agrees almost verbatim in this account of Yemen). 2: K: لطف for بسطت 6: A, B, C, K, كردهاند : see Yäq., III, 394). 7; K صفد مند بالله با Hab.: معد على معد الله بالله بالله بالله بالله بالله بالله اقري بن ابي: 10 . امرا before و 9: A, C, E, K omit . امرا before و Hab., l.c.; Hamz., 127. 11: A, C, E, K omit و Hab., l.c.; مدت. 12: قرجيشان. -reading of Hab., l.c.; Ḥamz., 128; A, B, ${f E}$ have فسان, for جيشان, ${f K}$: حسان, with which cf. in Sh. 'Cl., 88. 13 ; فرقيفان in Mas., I, 216, and عمرو بن ذي قيعان Hab., Ḥamz. have داراب for the use of داراب as applying to Dārā the elder, see Eneye. of Islam, art. Dārā. 14: MSS. رد و سي : for ملک (Ḥab.); cf. inf., l. 16. 15: K) مالک for ملک for دار الملک ابر کریب اسعد بن ملک بن ابی کریب مستقل شد : K .see Sh. 'Ul., 12—تبع الأوسط: 16 وبعد أزو for وأز : C, E ; و بعد أخ i7: K: حسام for حسان (see Sh. 'Uī., 17, 36, etc.) ا see Ḥab., I, 2^{52} ; Aghānī, II, 33; also inf., ه و مانيده (pl.). K: 32: A, C, E: يرسيدند (pl.). و باين عنايت رسانيده (pl.).کشم for کلم , شبی for سببی £ 23 : K

1: شصت—Hab., l.c., Ḥamz., 131, give 63 years as duration of reign. 3: Ḥab., l.c.; Ṭab., I, 881; Sh. Ul., 93; inf., I', 13; cf. Ḥamz., 131: عبيد كال K adds وي after وي K adds عبيد كال by omission وي after عبيد كال بالصغر; by omission of بالرجة; by omission of بب the text is made to agree with Ḥab., I, 252, and with inf., I. 21; also with B, which reads: بمان ملقب به تبع الأصغر Possibly for Ḥassān should be read تبان اسعد تبع عالمعار إلى المعار (Ṭab., I, 910, 9, 14; cf. ib., II. 13-14 with Haft Iqlīm, 921; acc. to Ḥamz.. 131, المعنر is عن حسان بن تبع المعنر is وين حسان بن تبع المعنر (see also

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- ا كرازل A, B, C, Naw. خاك after و bayts 1-2) الكندرنامة بحرى : 2-3: كرازل A, C, E: المحال ال
- before از before اگل. 15: A, C, E add از before از before از before از before از before از کان دانهٔ for طبایع : 16: K: آن دانهٔ A, C, E; کرده (A, C, E: خراطر : A, C, E; طبع (نفعی : A, C, E) کردانه . A, C, E: گردانه . A, C, E: گردانه

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Khizāna-i-'Āmirah.
  Khiz.
                  Lubāb-ul-Albāb (E. G. Browne's edn.).
 Lub.
                 Chahār Maqāla (Gibb Series).
Maqāl
                 Kitāb-ul-Ma'ārif (Göttingen, 1850).
Mar.
                 Marāṣid-ul-Itṭilā' (Juynboll's edn.).
Marāș.
                 Subhat-ul-Marjan, Bombay, 1307.
Marj.
Mir.
                 Mir'āt-ul-Khayāl, Calcutta, 1831.
                 Mu'jam-ul-Buldan, Leipzig, 1870.
Muʻj.
                 Murūj-udh-Dhahab, Cairo, 1283.
Mur.
Naf.
                 Nafaḥāt-ul-Uns, Calcutta, 1859.
                 Nāsikh-ut-Tawārīkh, [Tehran !], 1313.
Nas.
Raud.
                 Raudat-uş-Şafā, Bombay, 1303 edn.
                 Translation of the former by Rhetask.
Rhet.
Şad.
                 Şadafı (Dawal-ul-Islâm), Cairo, 1908.
                 Tha labī (Al-'Arā'is), Cairo, 1303.
Tha'l.
Sam.
                 Samhūdī (Khulāṣat-ul-wafā), Cairo, 1285.
                 Sha'rānī (Tabaqāt-ul-Kubrā), Cairo, 1299.
Sha'r.
Ţab.
                 Tabari (De Goeje's edn.).
                 Tabaqāt-i-Akbarī, Lucknow, 1292.
Tab. Ak.
                 Tāj-ul-'Urūs, Cairo, 1306.
Tāj.
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N.B.—Authorities not included in the above list have been quoted without abbreviations in the 'Notes and Variants'.

LIST OF THE BOOKS, WITH ABBREVIATIONS, TO WHICH REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE IN THE 'NOTES AND VARIANTS'.

Aḥs. .. Aḥsan-ut-Tagāsīm (De Goeje's edn.).

A'in ... A'in-i-Akbari (Blochmann's Translation).

A'lām ... Kitāb-ul A'lām, Bombay, 1299.

Ath. .. Ibn-i-Athir, Cairo, A.H. 1301.

Atk. ... Atashkadah, Bombay, 1277.

Aul. .. Tadhkirat-ul-Auliyā (R. A. Nicholson's edn.).

Brigg .. Translation of Firishtah by I. Brigg.

Bloch, Geog. . . Blochmann's Geog. and Hist. of Bengal, Calcutta, 1873.

Dā'ir. .. Dā'irat-ul-Ma'ārif, Bayrut, 1876-87.

Daul. .. Daulat Shāh (E. G. Browne's edn.).

Dawal ... Akhbār-nd-Dawal, Tabriz, 1282.

Elliott's Hist. of India.

Ethé .. India Office Lib. Catalogue.

Faq. .. lbn-ul-Faqih (Kitāb-ul-Buldān).

Fir. .. Tārikh-i-Firishta, Cawnpore, 1301.

Fuș. .. Majma'-ul-Fușaḥā, Tehran, 1295.

Fut. . . Futüh-ul-Buldan (De Goeje's edn., 1866).

Gaz. ... Gazetteer of India, 26 vols., 1907. Hab. ... Habib-us-Siyar, Bombay, 1271.

Had. .. Ḥadīqat-ul-Aqālīm.

Hak. .. Hakami's Hist. with its trans. by C. Kay, London, 1892.

Ham. .. Hamzah Işfahānī (Tār. Mulūk-ul-Ard), Calcutta, 1866.

Hayat ... Ḥayat-ul-Ḥaywān, Cairo, 1275. Hish. ... Ibn-i-Hishām, London, 1867.

Jan. .. Raudāt-ul-Jannāt, Tehran, 1307.

Khald. .. Ibn-i-Khaldun, Cairo, 1283.

Khalk. .. Ibn-i-Khallikan, Cairo, 1299.

Kham. .. Tārīkh-i-Khamīs.

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indulgence. I shall welcome any criticisms of scholars that may enable me to improve the text of the parts that yet remain to be published.

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A. Muqtadir,
Oriental Public Library.

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- ولاية take the forms رسالت - جهت ـ مبلكت , ولايت take the forms مملكة etc.

(c) Words like دیار - همه - ولایت in **K** are replaced in this copy by their synonyms ملک - جمیع - مملکت.

There is a MS. in the India Office Library. For a description see Dr. Ethé's Catalogue of the said library, No. 724. Unfortunately I was not able to obtain a collation. Though not free from mistakes in the names of persons and places, this copy seems to be better than either A or K.

In recording variants I will confine myself to the more important, omitting trivial and slight mistakes that can Variants. be corrected at first sight. I will ignore too and نعود - کرد and ethose insignificant modifications of phrascology and شد and مُشت etc.) which in no way affect the sense. For the true reading of the Arabic passages, and of the proper names of persons and places I have generally relied for more on external sources than on the readings of the MSS, used in preparing the text. All the different readings of the names of persons and places found in other works, to which I could get access, will be included in the list of variants. For the verses, which constitute the most important and the most difficult portions of the text, I have generally taken belp from such manuscript copies or printed editions of each poet's work as I could lay my hand Several mistakes which have, inadvertently, crept into the text, will be rectified in the list of variants, and these, I carnestly hope, will not be overlooked by a critical reader of the text.

cal edition of the Haft Iqlim, but a variety of causes, some of which I have mentioned above, seemed to postpone indefinitely all hopes of fulfilment. As it is, the whole of this work has had to be done in the scant leisure which I could snatch from official duties when other lighter occupations or rest would have been sweeter. I owe it largely to the kind encouragement of Dr. Denison Ross that I have been able to proceed so far. At an early stage he promised to join me as editor, but the first pages of the text were hardly in proof when he left India, and the task devolved solely upon myself.

I do not doubt for a moment that notwithstanding my labours many errors will still be found in the text. But I trust that the difficulties which beset my path may entitle me to a certain measure of

- (c) The preposition bi is seldom separated from the following words, and we find יענד, וגאנעים, etc.
- are always distinguished from their و and ع ب are always distinguished from their Arabic prototypes ب and الله ع ب is never distinguished from گ.
- (e) The letter ت is generally omitted in the comparative and superlative after ت or a and we find وستر ; we also find عففه for عفنه.
- follows و , or wice versa, ی or vice versa, ی or vice versa, the three dots of both the letters are very often placed under the second letter and not separately under each, e.g. دیاچه, تربیت not تربیت not رفتند not رفتند not رفتند not رفتند منتقل دیباچه
- (g) In general, with rare exceptions, the final ω of a word is dotted.
- (h) When the letter sin takes the form س it generally has three dots beneath, e.g. المُهات سيستر البايس etc.; in rare cases we find خاكسار for خاكسار.
- (i) The words خاستن (to rise) and خرد (small) are always written as خردت (to ask) and خراها (to ask) خراستن (to ask)

A belongs to the Asiatic Society of Bengal, D. 327. It comprises 381 folios with 24-26 lines to a page, and is MS. A. dated 18th Rabit, A.H. 1094 (A.D. 1682). It is written in a somewhat careless small Nasta'liq. The dots are in many cases omitted and always applied carelessly as to defy identification at first sight. As in K, the names of persons and places and the Arabic quotations have been very often corrupted. All the folios of the latter half of the copy, excepting a few, are pasted over here and there with patches which in many instances render the reading illegible. Glosses, emendations and notes, written on the margins in the same hand as the text itself, are found throughout the copy and the most important of them will be mentioned under " Notes and Variants." The archaic spellings presented by this MS, are similar to those of **K** excepting (a), (g), (h) and (i). The form of spelling noted under (f) is not very common ; but we find زنجير for زنجير

Other peculiarities are:

(a) The following words, each of which is indeed two distinct words, are written as one word, and we find چسود for فلفلدراز, چه سرد for معر , هشت ماه for همر , هشت ماه for همر , هشت ماه for پکتن , نلفل دراز for لا شریکاله , هم او for همر , هشت ماه for همر , هشت ماه for لا شریک له for لا شریک له و

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for ever misleading and bewildering the reader, or completely obscuring the sense; there is hardly a line in either MS, that is not infected with corruptions of a more or less gross kind. Nothing was to be gained from these MSS, except a certain consolation in laying them aside. Those who are interested in calligraphy and have had occar on to scrutinize Muhammadan MSS, from a calligraphic point of view, will have observed that Persian scribes are far behind the Arabs in the matter of accuracy: Vowel points are left out, the dots, which are the only means of distinguishing helf the letters of the alphabet, are too often misapplied or not applied at all, so that the resource and vigilance of the reader may be taxed to the utmost, To decipher MSS, yet further blighted by interpolations, corruptions, omissions and every extravagance of which a sleepy or illiterate copyist is empable is no fit occupation for a human being.

In preparing the text then I have been obliged to content myself with two MSS, only, which I have called ${\bf K}$ and ${\bf A}$.

MS K.

written in a fair Nasta'liq, and comprises 409 folios each containing 25 lines, but foll. 217a—328b, written by the same scribe in small Nasta'liq, have 31 lines to a page. It is undated but the nature of the handwriting and the general aspect of the MS, tend to suggest that it was written about the middle of the 11th century of the Hijrah. It is not however free from various errors and defects, especially in the proper names of persons and places. Most of them are illegible, the few that are not are prac-

tically impossible to identify. The Arabic passages are almost always interludes of nonsense. Foll. 2 and 3, supplied later by a most illiterate hand, are terribly corrupt. The copy bears occasional marginal notes and emendations, and the most important of them will be mentioned under "Notes and Variants" which I intend to publish later on.

Amongst the orthographical peculiarities of this MS, the following may be mentioned:

(a) Words are divided into two parts (not necessarily in the middle) at the end of a line, a practice not observed in modern calligraphy (e.g. تور - انشاق ولا - ينش ميز - يسته و (ا - مواج etc.).

vi Preface.

For his sources he has made use of well-known authorities, the best available at that time For instance, Sources. amongst the general histories he often cites the Ţabaqât-i-Nâşirî, Târîkh-i-Guzidah, Raudat-uş-Şafâ, Ḥabîb-us-Siyar, etc., while for the Indian portion of the history Historical. he relies mainly upon the Țabaqât-i-Akbari. Among geographical works are the Masálik-ul-Mamálik, Suwar-ul-Aqâlîm, Mu'jam-ul-Buldân, Nuzhat-ul-Qulûb, Geographical. etc. The accounts of the Shaykhs are generally derived from the Tadkirat-ul-Auliya of 'Attar, the Hikayatng Şâlihîn of Yâfi'i and the Nafah ât-ul-Uns of Biographical; <u>Sh</u>ay<u>kh</u>s. Jâmî. In the lives of the poets he generally quotes the Lubâb-ul-Albâb of 'Aufî, the <u>Ch</u>abâr Maqâlah of Nizamî 'Arudi, the Tadkirat-ugh-Shu'arâ of Danlat Poets <u>Sh</u>âh, etc.

The task of publishing critical editions of Oriental Texts, never an easy one, is encompassed by unusual dilli-Manuscripts. culties here in India, where students, particularly Muhammadans, have yet to learn the canous, the standards and the ideals of Western Scholarship. The first obstacle that meets an Indian editor is the want of good MSS. Copies of the Haft Iqlim are fairly common in India, indeed there is hardly any big collection of Persian MSS, that does not contain one. I am told that the Library of the Nadwat-ul-'Ulama, Lucknow, possesses a good copy, once belonging to the late Shams-ul-'Ulama Manlana Shibli Nu'mani, to whom India will remain for ever indebted for his weighty contributions to Islamic history. Another copy in the Râmpûr Library, which I have myself seen, is tolerably good. One or two copies are also reported to have been in the private collections of some of the Zamindars of Bihar. But alas! all my endeavours to get access to these MSS. failed and my expectations were totally disappointed t had however four MSS, at my disposal. Of these one with a big worm-hole towards the end (foll. 526-583) exists in the Bühâr collection of the Imperial Library, Calcutta, no. 4035 in the existing MS. hand list. Another belonging to the India Government is preserved in the Library of the Asiatic Society of Bengal. Both of these, written in ordinary Tallq, are thoroughly had, modern, Indian copies. The commonest words have again and again been misunderstood; countless interpolations, worse than omissions, due to the officious ignorance of the scribes, art], PREFACE. V

III. Third Climate: 1 Irân; 2 Irâq-i-'Arab; 3 Bağdâd; 4 Kûfah; 5 Najaf; 6 Sâmirah; 7 Madâ'in; 8 Bâbal; 9 Başrah; 10 Ubullah; 11 Irâq-i-'Ajam; 12 Yazd; 13 Țabas-i-Kîlak; 14 Abarqûh; 15 Fârs; 16 Dârâbjird; 17 Ij; 18 Nayrîz; 19 Iştakhr; 20 Baydû; 21 Kâzarûn; 22 Shîrâz; 23 Lâr; 24 Khûzistân; 25 Shûsh; 26 'Askar-i-Mukarram; 27 Dizfûl; 28 Shushtar; 29 Kirmûn; 30 Bamm; 31 Sîstân; 32 Farâh; 33 Qandahâr; 34 Dâwar; 35 Bust; 36 Bayhaq; 37 Maymand; 38 Ĝaznîn; 39 Lâhûr; 40 Nagarkût; 41 Sirhind; 42 Hânsî; 43 Thânîsar; 44 Panîpat; 45 Dîhlî; 46 Âgrah; 47 Lucknow; 48 Audh; 49 Kâlpî; 50 Syria; 51 Jerusalem; 52 Damascus; 53 Ba'lbak; 54 Ĝazza; 55 Halab; 56 Manbij; 57 'Asqalân; 58 Tarsûs; 59 Egypt; 60 Fustât; 61 Cairo; 62 Alexandria; 63 Ikhmîm; 61 'Ayn-ush-Shams.

IV. Fourth Climate: 1 Marw-i-Shāhijān; 2 Mahnah; 3 Abîward; 4 Naså; 5 Sarakhs; 6 Balkh; 7 Chichiktů and Maymanah; 8 Audakhud; 9 Tirmid; 10 Hişâr-i-Kuhistâu; 11 Khatlân, with its capital Kûlâb; 12 Badakhshân; 13 Kâbul; 14 Kashmîr; 15 Garjistân; 16 Gûr; 17 Bàdagîs; 18 Asfizâr; 19 Fûshanj; 20 Herat; 21 Bâkharz; 22 Tâbyâd; 23 Khwâf; 24 Jâm; 25 Torbat, with its dependencies Zâwa and Junayd; 26 Ma<u>sh</u>had; 27 Nî<u>sh</u>âpûr; 28 Sabzwâr; 29 Asfarâ'in ; 30 Juwayu ; 31 <u>Kh</u>abû<u>sh</u>ân ; 32 Tar<u>sh</u>îz ; 33 Juo**â**bâd ; 34 Tûn; 35 Quhistân; 36 Bistâm; 37 Dâmagân; 38 Istahân; 39 Natanz; 40 Zawárah; 41 Ardastán; 42 Káshán; 43 Jarbádagán; 44 Kamrah; 45 Khwânsâr; 46 Farâhân; 47 Tafrîsh; 48 Qumm; 49 Sawah; 50 Hamadan; 51 Ray; 52 Damawand; 53 Simnan; 54 Astarábád; 55 Tabaristán; 56 Mázandarán; 57 Ámul; 58 Rustamdár; 59 Gilân; 60 Qazwîn; 61 Abhar; 62 Zanjân; 63 Sanjâs; 64 Suhraward; 65 Țâram; 66 Sulțâniyah; 67 Âdarbayjân; 68 Tabrîz; 69 Ardabîl; 70 <u>Khalkh</u>âl; 71 Urdûbâd; 72 Marâgah.

V. Fifth Climate: 1 Shirwan, with its principal towns Bakû, Ars, Shamakhî and Qabalah; 2 Tiflis; 3 Ganjah; 4 Baylaqan; 5 Khwarizm; 6 Mawara-un-Nahr; 7 Samarqand; 8 Kash; 9 Nasaf; 10 Bukhârâ; 11 Farganah; 12 Andijan; 13 Ûsh; 14 Margînan; 15 Isfarang; 16 Khujand; 17 Akhsîkat; 18 Shâsh.

VI. Sixth Climate: 1 Torkistån; 2 Fåråb; 3 Jand; 4 Kåshgar; 5 Yårkand; 6 Khutan; 7 Țarâz; 8 Chigil; 9 Khallukh; 10 Tåtår; 11 Rûs; 12 Buğrâj; 13 Kîmâk; 14 Khazar; 15 Isfîjâb; 16 Qustantanîyah.

VII. Seventh Climate: 1 Bulğar; 2 Saqlab; 3 Bâțiq; 4 Bâțin-ur-Rûm; 5 Jâbulqă.

iy PREMACE.

posed A.H. 892 = A.D. 1487. The first has been edited by Mīrzā Mnhammad. The learning and industry of one of the foremost living Orientalists of Europe, Prof. E. G. Browne, Sir Thomas Adams' Professor of Arabic at the University of Cambridge, has given as excellent editions of the second and third.

Among works of this kind the Haft Iqlîm, or Seven Olimates, deserves in my opinion a very high place, The Haft Iqlîm. and it is singular that we should have had to wait so long for a printed edition. It is a topographical, historical and biographical encyclopædia. The information is grouped, as the name would suggest, according to climates or divisions of the world. Under each country or town we have an account of the place, its history, its wonders and curiosities, its chief products, etc. This is followed by biographical sketches of the eminent 'Ulama, Shaykles and poets to whom it has given birth. (This is almost the best and the first encyclopædia in Persian to be arranged on the geographical plan that was later to become so popular). To these last the author has devoted the largest space, quoting copiously from their writings, and this part of his work seems to have interested him (as it does us) most. He has given us the biographies of no less than 1560 writers and these are in the true sense "biographies": they are almost always fuller and more precise than the three earlier anthologies, where such notices, in the words of Prof. Browne, "consist too often of a few far-fetched word-plays on the poet's name." The numerous quotations have been singularly well Under the name of each country is an admirable conchosen. spectus of its history, in which all the most notable events are touched upon. The topographical portions are pleasantly interspersed with anecdutes, and the result is an exceedingly lively and entertaining Add to this a style remarkably simple, that moves swiftly and untramplied by the florid mannerisms and diffuse rhetoric of many a "classic," and I can hardly think of another book in the Persian language that the student could peruse with greater pleasure, greater profit and-not the least important-greater ease.

Oontents

I. First Olimate: 1 Yaman; 2 Zanj; 3 Nubia; 4 China; 5 Ceylon; 6 Jabulsa

11. Second Climate: 1 Mecca; 2 Medina; 3 Yamâmah; 4 Hurmûz; 5 the Deccan, comprising Ahmadnagar, Patan, Danlatâbâd, Jûnî. Jubbûl, Tilingânah, with its capital Golconda; 6 Ahmadâbâd; 7 Kanbâyat; 8 Sûrat; 9 Sûmanât; 10 Nâgûr; 11 Bengal; 12 Orissa.



PREFACE.

The author of the Haft Iqlim was Amin Ahmad Râzî better known as Amîn Râzî. He was a native of Ray and The Author belonged to a good family of that place. Many of his ancestors and relatives were men of letters and hold honourable offices at Royal Courts. His father Khwajah Mirza Abmad enjoyed the warm favours of <u>Sh</u>âh Țahmâsp Şafawî (л.н. 930-84 = A.o. 1524-76) who appointed him Kalántar (Mayor) of Ray. His paternal uncle <u>Kh</u>wâjah Muḥammad <u>Sh</u>arîf, also kuown as Hijrî Râzî, was Wazîr of Muhammad <u>Kh</u>ân <u>Sh</u>araf Uğlî Taklû, Governor of <u>Kh</u>urâsån, and, on the governor's death, to his son. Later on he entered the service of Shah Tahmasp Safawi, spending seven years as Wazir of Yazd, Abarqüh, etc., and then as Wazîr of Işfalıân. He enjoyed a considerable reputation as a poet.' The author's first cousin Khwâjah Giyâş Beg (the father of the famous Nûr Jahân Begam) rose to a position of great influence under Akbar, and was subsequently distinguished as Ptimåd-ud-Daulah, the all-powerful Wazîr of Jahângir. Writing of Agra, Amin showers praises upon Akbar of whom he speaks in the present tense, and various indications point to his having visited India while the great emperor was still on the throne. He seems to have made good use of this opportunity for collecting information about the country of which he gives fairly detailed account from the earliest times down to Akbar, devoting a special section to the history of the Decean. He completed the work after six years in A.H. 1002 (A.D. 1593) for which he gives the chronogram:

تصنيف اسين احمد وازي

Poetry is the most important branch of Persian literature, and anthologies of Persian poets and works containing biographical notices of them are many in number. The three oldest and most popular are (i) the Chabâr Maqâlah composed about A.R. 550 = A.D. 1155, (ii) the Lubâb-ul-Albâb, composed A.R. 618 = A.D. 1221, (iii) the Tadkirat-ush-Shu'arâ, com-

A copy of his very rare Diwân is noticed in the Bankipur Library Catalogue, vol., II, No. 244.



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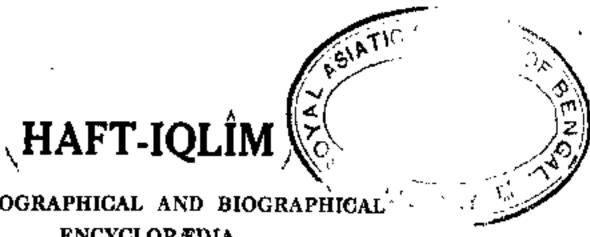
The first fascicle (pages 1 to 112) of the Haft-Iglim was published under the joint editorship of Sir E. Denison Ross and Khān Bahādur 'Abdul Muqtadir in 1918 and the second (pages 113 to 208) in 1927 under the joint editorship of Mr. A. H. Harley, M.A., and Khān Bahādur 'Abdul Muqtadir. Of the third fasciele 48 pages (pages 209 to 256) had been printed when the work was stopped. In June 1939, the Council of the Royal Asiatic Society asked me to edit and complete the work. With the excellent manuscript prepared by the editors, I had little difficulty in seeing the remaining portion of the third fascicle (pages 257 to 311) through the Press. As regards the 'Notes and Variants', Mr. Harley had already given print order for the first 48 pages and the material for the remaining pages had been left ready in the office of the Society. As Mr. Harley had prepared the Notes with great care and thoroughness, I had little difficulty in seeing them through the Press.

With the publication of this fascicle the *first volume* of the work is completed, and it is proposed to publish the remaining portion in 3 volumes, each of at least 500 pages, and in conclusion to publish an additional volume containing the Indices, Additions and Corrections.

In conclusion, I have to offer my grateful thanks to Dr. Baini Prashad, D.Se., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.R.A.S.B., and to Dr. B. S. Guha, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.A.S.B., for the interest they have taken in the completion of this volume and for facilitating the collection of material for the subsequent volumes and for making my task as easy and pleasant as possible.

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