


THE  
AHMADIYYA  
ALBUM

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1936

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مُحَمَّدٌ وَنُصَلِّيَ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ الْكَرِيمِ

## INTRODUCTION.

THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT " was founded in 1890 at Qadian, in the Punjab, by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. He claimed to be the Promised Messiah, whose advent had been foretold in the Bible and in certain Islamic books, and the promised Teacher whose appearance in the last age had been foretold by almost every prophet. . . . Comprehension and tolerance are strong features of the Ahmadiyya cult.—*The Times*, London, 2/10/'26.

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Lord Halifax (then Irwin) addressed a deputation of the Ahmadiyya Community on 25/2/'27 and said :— " The growth of your Community since that day, in the short course of one generation, is the measure of the belief which as a body you have reposed in the teachings of your Founder and his successors."

" You have appreciated the necessity of combined effort and financial sacrifice for educational ideals, if lives are to be fuller, happier and more useful. The result has been a notable educational achievement among a comparatively small community and with limited financial resources at its disposal which stands by itself as a wonderful example to the Muslim Community as a whole."— Sir G. de-Montmorency. 31/1/'29.

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Lord Hailey and the Ahmadiyya Community in 1924 :—  
" You have as a community shown yourselves to be disciples of the doctrine that political improvement should be effected by reason and conviction, not by violent agitation or mass movement."

## INTRODUCTION—continued.

Lord Reading replying to an address on 23/6/1921 remarked :— “ I was impressed on the introduction of your members, by finding so many representatives of different professions, of different avocations of life.”

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“ In Afghanistan and other fanatic regions, adherents of the Ahmadiyya doctrine have been subject to cruel and deadly persecution. Its martyrs have died praying for their persecutors. Judging from the members at Southfields, the Ahmadiyyas are a singularly gentle and tolerant people.”—*South Western Star*, dated 8/10/'26.

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“ The Ahmadiyyas . . . wield an influence disproportionate to their numerical strength owing to the hold they have secured among educated Muhammedans.”—*The Times*, London, dated 4/10/'26.

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His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales commanded his chief secretary on 1/3/'22 to write that :— “ he (now King Edward VIII.) learns from His Excellency the Governor of the Punjab that throughout the Great War and in

the difficult time that followed, the Ahmadiyya Community have distinguished themselves for a steadfast attitude of loyalty both towards the throne and to the Empire.”

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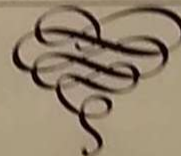
“ The note of their teaching is a broad-minded toleration of, and even co-operation with, other religions. . . . The Ahmadiyyas seem, so far as I understand their teaching, to be a singularly attractive body.”—*The Nation*, London, 9/10/'26.

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Rev. H. Kraemer wrote in the *Moslem World* (vol. 21, p. 120) : “ Their founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, must have been a powerful personality. When I visited Qadian . . . I was struck by the buoyant spirit of great enthusiasm for Islam.”

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Sir Mohammad Zafrulla, Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, says :— “ The message of Ahmadiyyat to this age is in one word reconciliation, a reconciliation between the various factors in human life which lead to discord, and which lead to all that has made life restless and peaceless.”



## HEADQUARTERS OF THE MOVEMENT QADIAN (INDIA)

"It is a spiritual atmosphere, which one feels at Qadian, an atmosphere quite different from the material world outside. . . . It is a centre which gives one the spiritual strength to fight the struggle of daily life in the material world."— *Friedrich Wagner* of Chemnitz, Germany.



Dr. Zwemer visited Qadian and wrote in *The Church Missionary Review*:— "They gave us of their best and we saw all there was to see. Printing presses, mailing bureau, post office, theological school, girls' and boys' schools, a busy hive of propaganda. . . . Correspondence is carried on with London, Paris, Berlin, Chicago, Singapore, and all the Near East; pigeon holes filled with possibilities, shelves crowded with encyclopædias, dictionaries, . . . a credulous faith that almost removes mountains."

“Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

Math. 23:39.

“He challenged the astonished Bishop Welldom to a contest of miracles after the manner of Elijah and the priest of Baal, the result to decide once for all which was the true religion. Even then the Mirza was ready to accept every modern guarantee against deception, but the Anglican champion would not take up the appeal.”

—*The Pioneer.*



“The Seer of Qadian was a man who does not come every day.”  
—*The Pioneer*, Allahabad, 30th May, 1908.

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“His writings everywhere have the ring of sincerity. His persistency in affirming his claims in the face of the most intense and bitter opposition is magnificent.”—*Dr. H. D. Griswold.*

**HAZRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD,**

the Promised Messiah, Founder of the  
Ahmadiyya Community.

## THE SAINT OF SAINTS.

A descendant of Omar the Caliph of Islam.



The London Mission was founded  
under his auspices.

A great Scholar, Physician  
and a Philanthropist.

### Hazrat Maulvi Noorud Din.

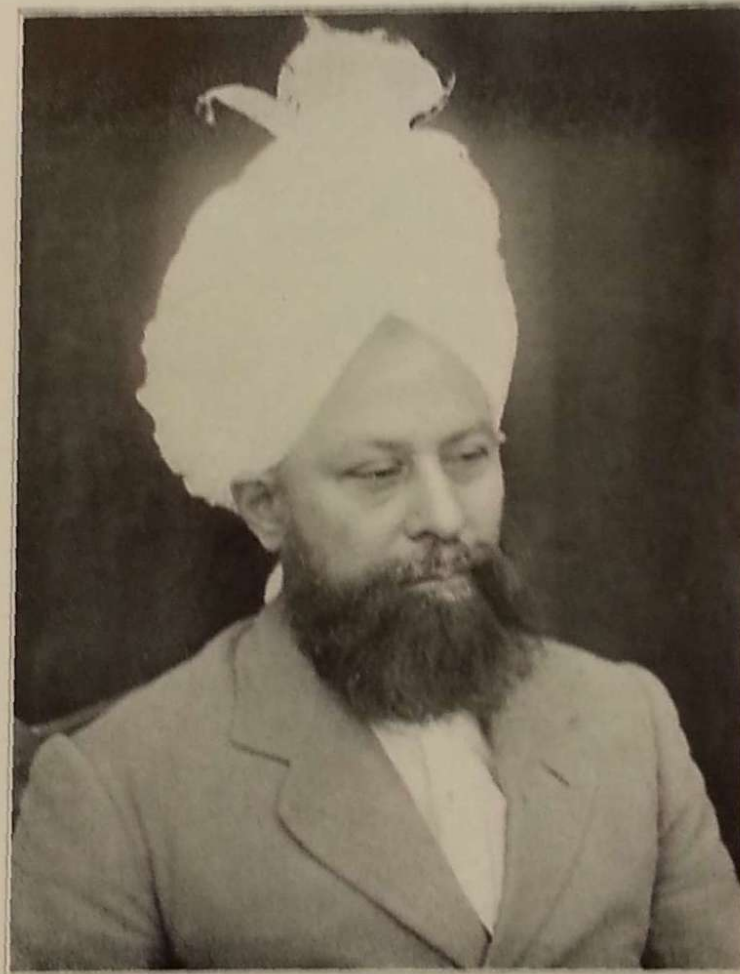
First successor of the Promised Messiah.

When the Caliphate was being destroyed in  
Turkey in the beginning of this century, he re-  
established it at Qadian in the truest sense of  
the word.

" He shall cure many of their diseases through his messianic power and with the blessings of the Spirit of Truth. He is the Word of God . . . . Prisoners and slaves shall be released through him. His fame shall spread into the corners of the earth. Nations shall be blessed through him." So prophesied Ahmad about him on 1/3/1886.

" He really seemed to me, in his non-resisting, all-accepting patient attitude to be rather like, if we can imagine such a thing, an Indian Quaker. Shyness or something prevented him from looking at you as he spoke."—

*Mr. E. S. Montague, late  
Sec. of State for India.*



Hazrat Ameerul Momineen **Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad**, the illustrious son and successor of the Promised Messiah, Head of the Ahmadiyya Community.

He has established Muslim missions in the following countries apart from every province of India:— Ceylon, Burma, the Malay States, the Straits Settlements, Dutch East Indies, China, Japan, Iran, Palestine, Egypt, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Mauritius, London, Chicago, Argentine, Spain, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Kenya, etc.

Visited England in 1924 and founded the London Mosque.

He invited King Edward VIII. to Islam and said in 1922: " In the presence of God we are all equal, the great and the small, the sovereign and the subject. You stand as much in need of eternal life as we do, and God's pleasure is as much indispensable for you as it is for us."

HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH II (White turban) at the Imperial Institute, London,  
where **The Conference of Religions** within the Empire was held in 1924.



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Their father, **Sayyad Abdul Latif**, crowned the King of Afghanistan but he stoned him to death in 1903 for believing in Ahmad.



Where Israelites, even in this age, stoned to death several disciples of the Promised Messiah.

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There are thousands of Ahmadies in **Afghanistan**.

SAYYAD ABUL HASAN and SAYYAD MOHAMMAD TAYYAB.



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## THEY CALL HIM "THE JUST PILATE."

British Muslims welcome COL. DOUGLAS when it was snowing.



"Known to more than a million and a half of the Ahmadiyya Community in India as 'the just Pontius Pilate', Colonel Montagu W. Douglas . . . met yesterday at the London Mosque, Hazrat Maulvi Sherah.

"Colonel Douglas, who retired from the Indian Government service in 1920, told the *Daily Sketch* yesterday that the trial took place in 1897 in the Gurdaspur district of the Punjab. The accused was Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

"For some years previously Ahmad had been hailed by his followers as the Promised Messiah, and his teachings had caused great controversy among the Hindus and other religious sects of India. . . .

"I can visualise him now, standing before me accused of conspiracy to murder a missionary of the Church Missionary Society.

"An Indian boy of 16, the chief witness for the prosecution, declared that Ahmad had instructed him to murder the missionary, but he made several conflicting statements.

"I quickly reached the conclusion that there was no case against Ahmad and acquitted him. Later it was learned that the boy had been coerced to tell a story that was completely false. The trial became famous and Ahmad's adherents grew to immense proportions."

—*The Daily Sketch*, dated 13.4.1936.

He "came to **Mauritius** from Qadian on the 15th June, 1915, with the object of preaching the teaching of the Kuran . . . The Maulvi came on the invitation of several local Ahmadis . . . who had written to Qadian, the headquarters of the Ahmadi Movement, asking the leader to send somebody."— *Sir A. Herchenroder, Chief Judge, Mauritius, 19.11.1920.*



SOOFI GHULAM MOHAMMAD, M.A.

**WHERE 20,000 JOINED THE FOLD OF AHMAD IN A SINGLE DAY.**



Members of the Ahmadiyya Literary Society, Lagos, W. Africa.

God revealed to Ahmad in 1901 that his illustrious son (present Head of the Ahmadiyya Community, who has established missions throughout the world) "shall shine like the moon to dispel darkness from the world."

## OPENING OF THE FIRST & THE ONLY MOSQUE IN LONDON.

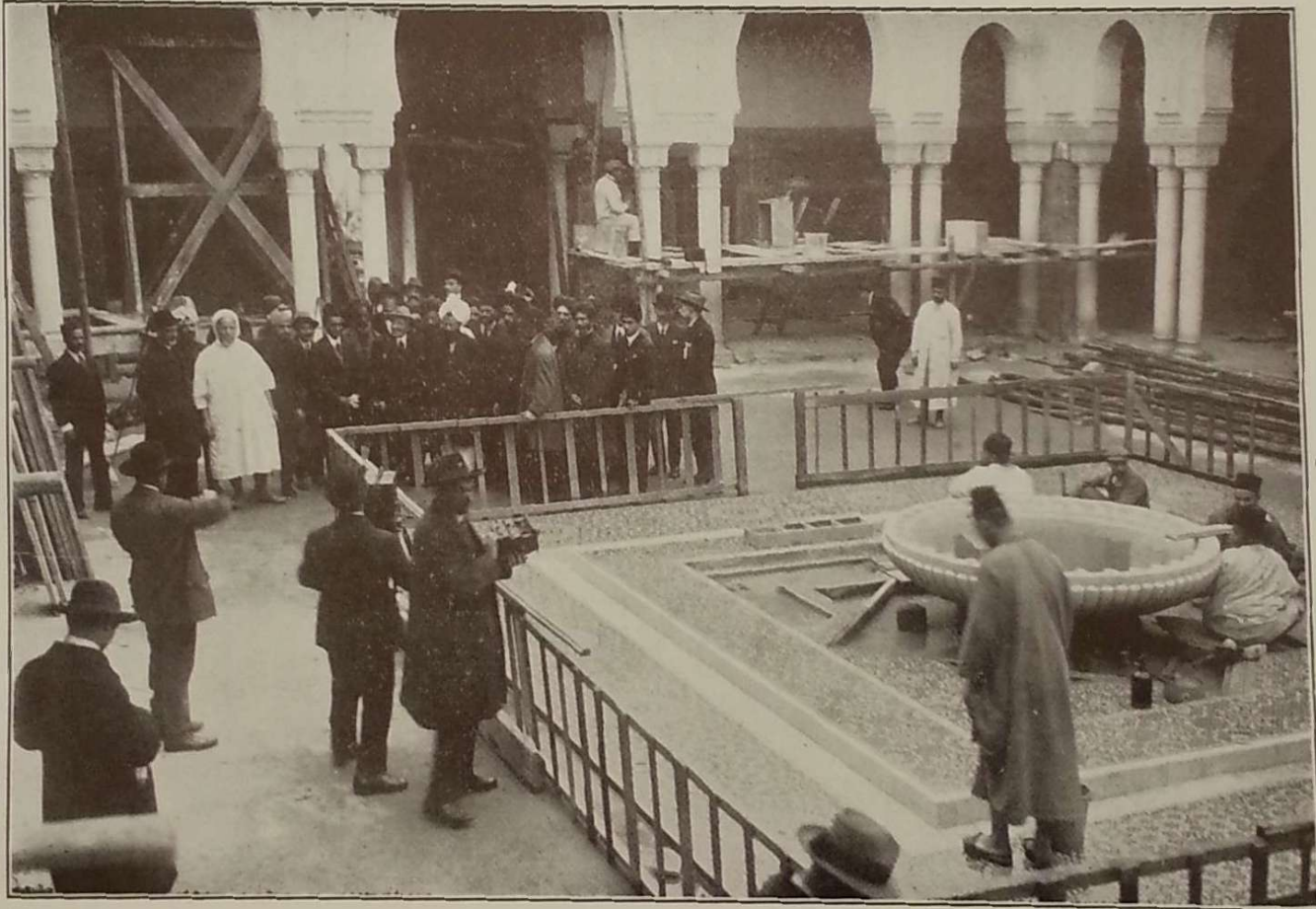


Hundreds of distinguished Britishers are listening to the telegraphic message of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih.

“ East and West have rarely met in a setting so strange and picturesque as seen yesterday, when for the first time in London’s long history, the Mohammadan call to prayer was sung from the glistening minarets of a Mosque at Southfields.”—*The Daily Chronicle*, dated 4.10.1926.

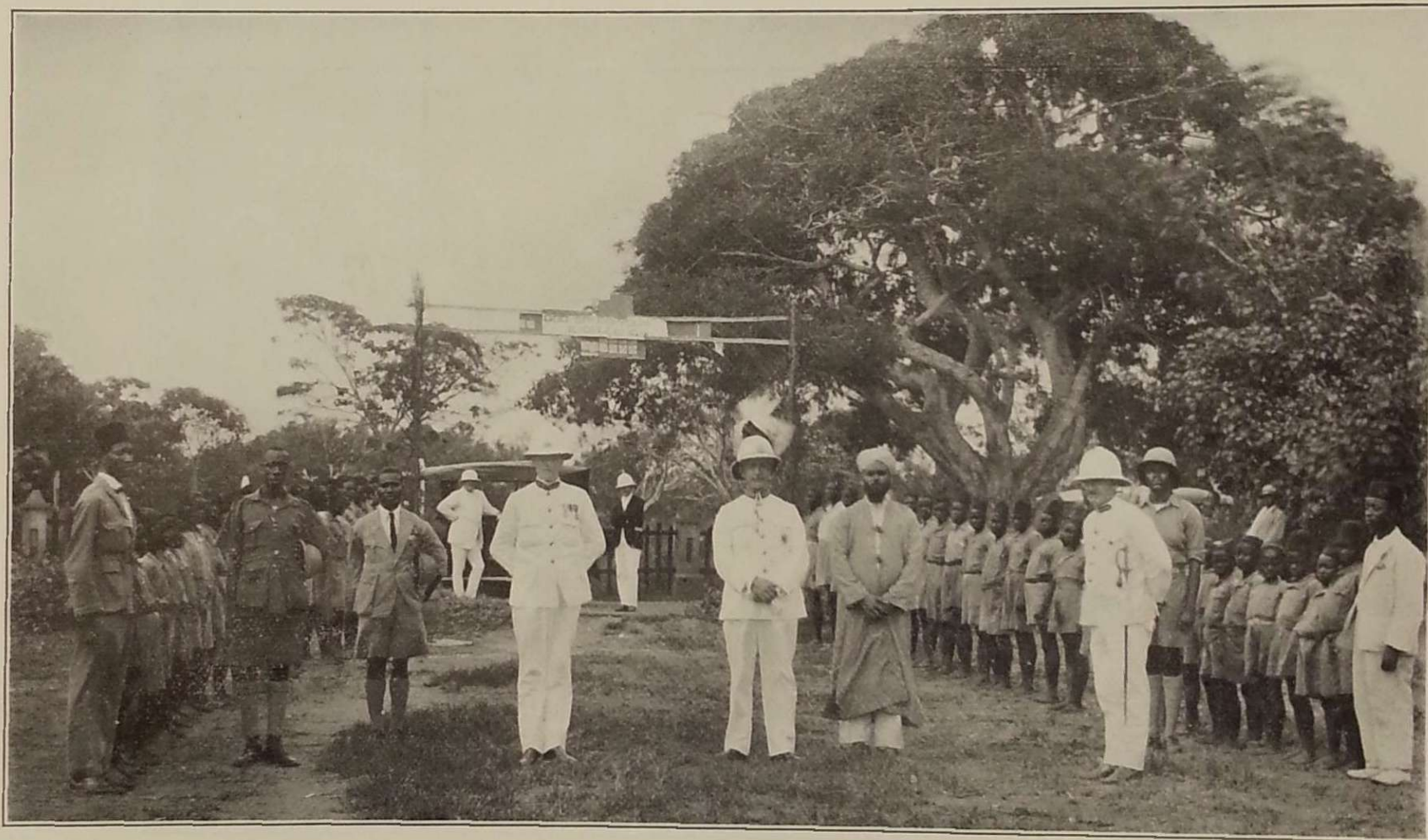
**In the centre of gaiety and frivolity.**

He prays for the sinners.



Head of the Ahmadiyya Community (white turban in centre) leads the first prayers in the Paris Mosque towards the construction of which he contributed a large sum in 1924.



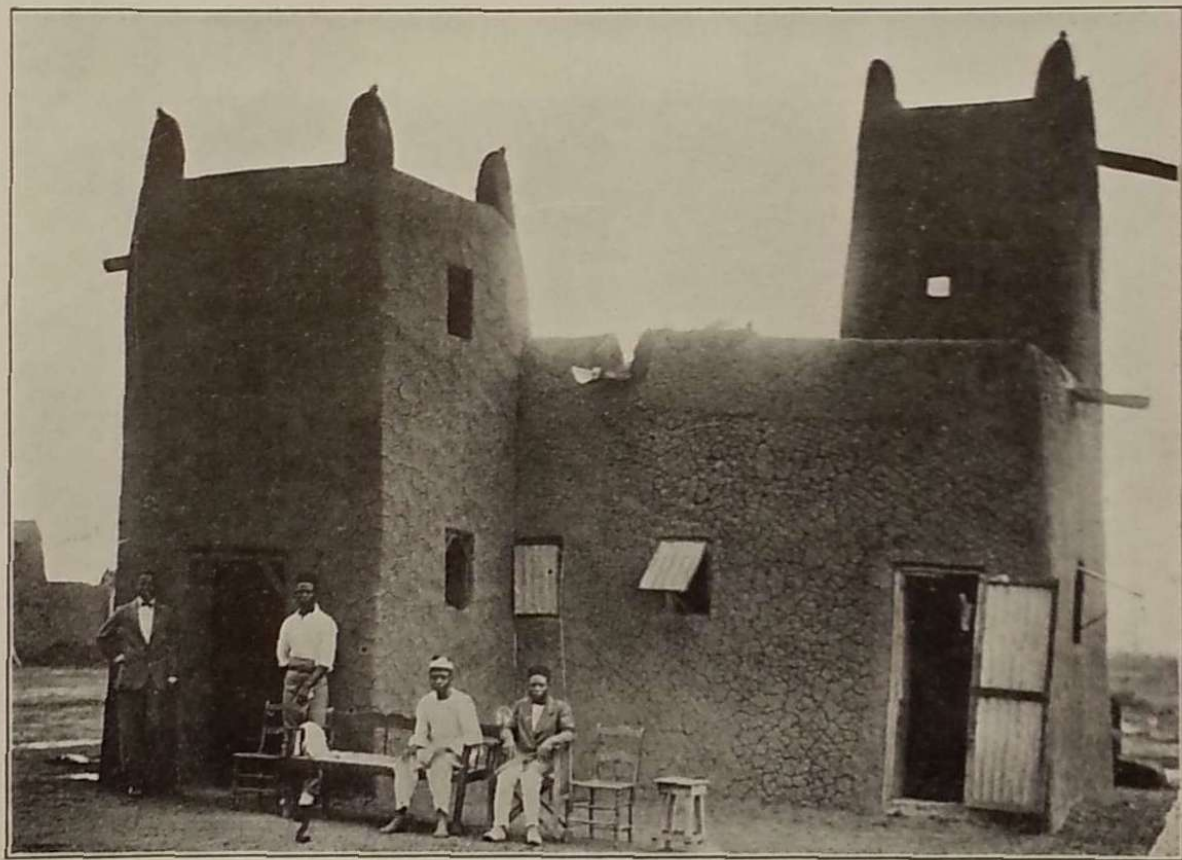


**H.E. The Governor of Gold Coast**  
visits the Ahmadiyya School at Saltpond on 11th December, 1928, and is "very favourably impressed."

**MARQUIS LOTHIAN, C.H.,**  
**presides over a Function held at the London Mosque in 1935**



when LT.-COL. SIR FRANCIS YOUNGHUSBAND, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E.,  
pays tributes to Islam and the Ahmadiyya movement in his speech.



Ahmadiyya Mosque, Kano, West Africa.

**PALESTINE ARABS JOIN THE AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY.**

They have their own Mosque, school and a printing press at Kaba Beer, near Haifa.



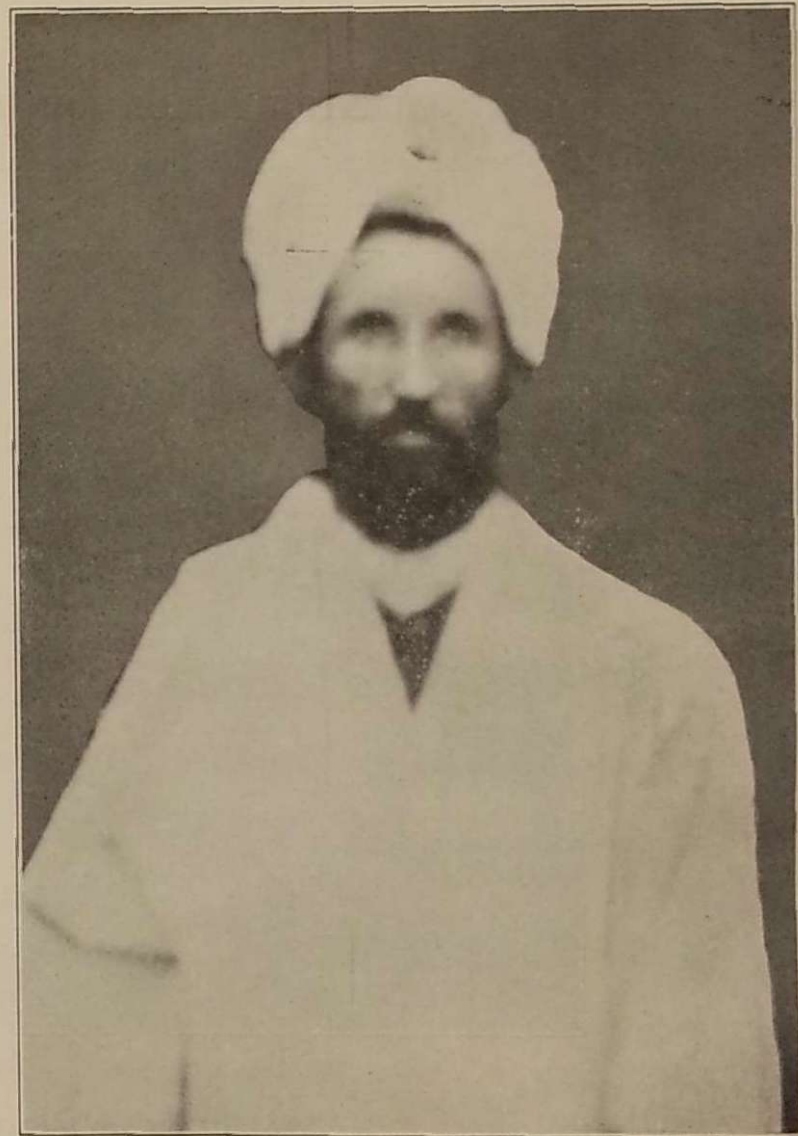
MAULAVI J. D. SHAMS en route to England.

Prophesied Ahmad in 1903 that the sceptre of the **Czars** would one day come to his hands.



Head of the Ahmadiyya Community sent this disciple of his to **Russia** in 1924 to preach the Message of Love; but he was starved and persecuted in various Russian gaols. They thought he was a British spy!

A descendent of AHMAD SHAH ABDALI.



Shahzada Abdul Majid of Ludhiana goes to Iran at his own expense and dies in Tehran, preaching the New Gospel to his fellowmen.

"I shall cause Thy preaching to reach the ends of the earth" revealed God to Ahmad in 1897.



MR. and MRS. A. C. REIDPATH of **Canada** join the Ahmadiyya movement in 1927.

*"Fajr, first and fairest prayer,  
Breathed upon the unpolluted air;  
Oh Prophet true, I say as you  
The Patiba in Fajr fair." —A.C.Reidpath.*



MR. ROBERT BROAD of **Australia** found his peace of mind in the Ahmadiyya movement in 1927.

## WHERE RULED THE CALIPHS.



The illustrious son and successor of the Promised Messiah visited Damascus in 1924 as a stranger. These Syrians now call him their spiritual Master.

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God sent His word to Ahmad in 1889 saying: "The saints of Syria shall pray for thee."

"The idea of presenting Islam to the West, first originated with the Founder of your Community about 30 years ago . . . I am glad to see the work of presenting Islam to the West has been entrusted to people who have made great sacrifices for this noble cause."

—Sir Fazli Husain.



Sir Fazli Husain, K.C.I.E., visits the London Mosque in 1927.



THE DUTCH CONSUL CAME TO QADIAN TO SEE THEM.



Young Ahmadies from the Dutch East Indies now come to Qadian for education and sit at the feet of their Spiritual Master (centre).

## BRITISH MUSLIMS WELCOME A PRINCE.



"Imam of the London Mosque . . . gave a reception there on Wednesday to meet the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia. His Royal Highness was present for more than two hours, and Arabic prayers were recited by British Moslems."

—*The Times*, 12.7.1935.

## BEAUTIFUL BUDAPEST.

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*The home of mineral springs and baths.*

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Here ruled the Turks for 150 years.



The brave Magyars are now attracted by the beauties of Islam.

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These **Hungarians** have accepted Ahmadiyyat this year.



MIRZA NASIR AHMAD and MIRZA SAID AHMAD  
welcomed at Cairo by **Egyptian Ahmadies** 27/10/34.

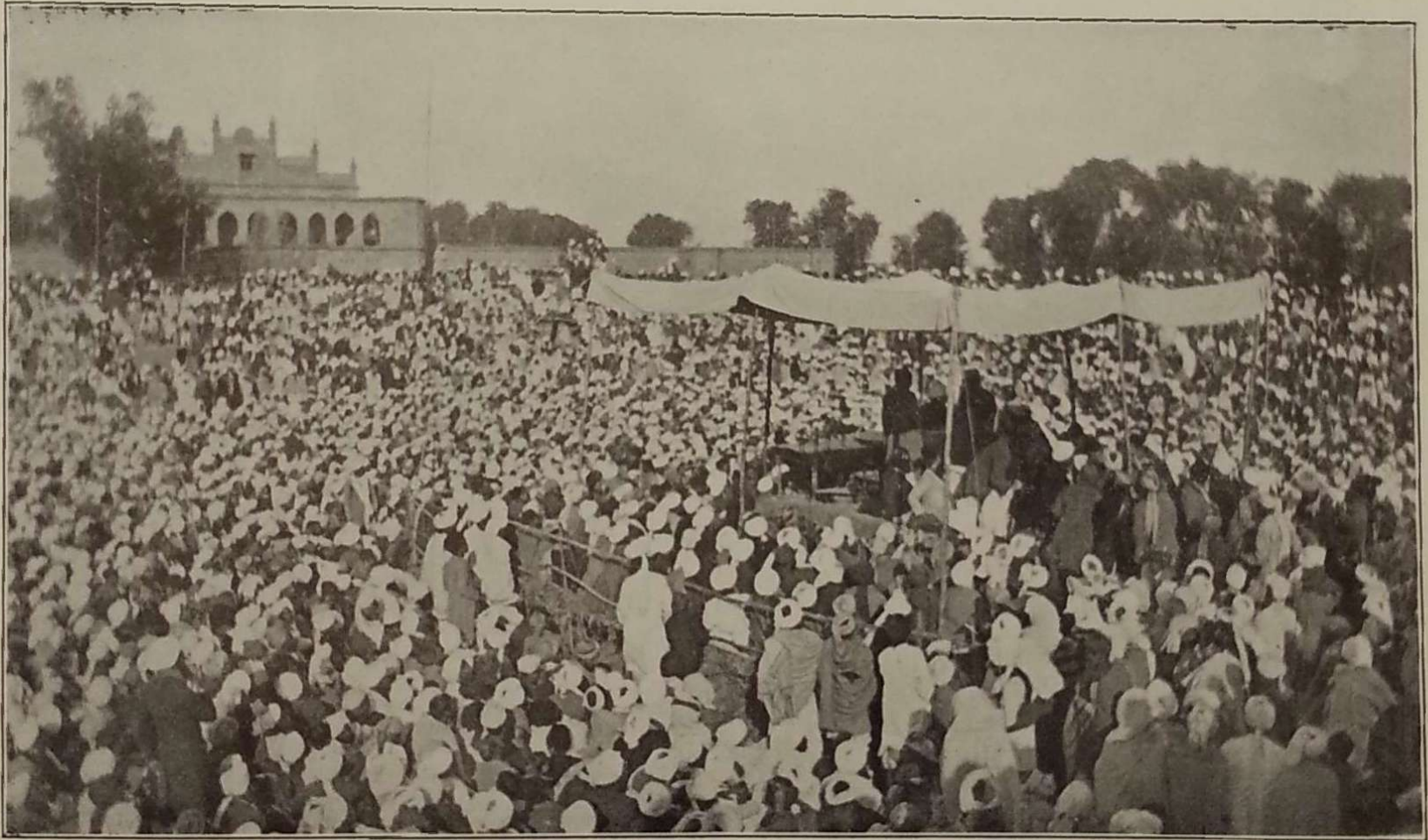
**IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES.**



Converts suffer persecution—their number is increasing.  
Numerous branches have already been established.

Here descends the Holy Spirit even now.

## THE ANNUAL GATHERING.



Thousands flock to Qadian every year from all parts of the World to listen to their Master.

## GERMAN BOYS & GIRLS



entertained at the London Mosque on 24/7/1936.

**A DAY OF PENTECOST.**



These devout Ahmadies spoke in 47 different languages at Qadian.



## A FESTIVAL IN LONDON.



"LORD LLOYD delivered an address on 'Islam and the British Empire' at the London Mosque, Southfields, S.W., on Sunday, the occasion of the festival of *Al-Azha*. MR. L. S. AMERY, M.P., presided."

*The Times*, London, 10/3/1936.

"Ambassadors and ministers, chargés d'affaires, London mayors, ex-governors of Indian provinces and famous Oriental scholars were among the guests."

*The Morning Post*, 9/3/1936.



AL-HAJ DR. J. SULLAIMAN (right) and AL-HAJ DR. O. SULLAIMAN of South Africa  
are zealous workers in the cause of Ahmadiyyat.



A Sunday gathering at the London Mosque.