

"Studies in Literature"

Preface

Here are a few articles which were published in various literary and research journals of the Indo-Pak. sub-continent (as also referred to in Pearson's Index Islamicus, Cambridge, 1958; and also by scholars of repute) and the author does not claim any scholarship. They had been written just to learn the methodology and attain a literary aptitude. At the fag-end of my life an impulse to preserve them (if not all) has prompted me to put them together for the benefit of the readers, who may find some useful references to the source-material for research. They will, I hope, do much to stimulate, or even create, the need to encourage work in respect of such historical literature - not governed by personal or impersonal factors, but by 'forces' which have an abiding utility and enduring value.

We need to learn, first of all, where precisely it is that our literary circles in general and the orientalist in particular have to guide and use their 'directive force' for building a saner and healthier outlook. The scholars who are on the search of higher and nobler thoughts of life will help to re-establish a truly balanced criterion for the literary order. It is to them that I commend my modest articles with these words.

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