



## ‘ALĪ AŞĠAR BORŪJERDĪ

‘ALĪ AŞĠAR B. ‘ALĪ AKBAR NAYYER **BORŪJERDĪ**, MĪRZĀ, author of several works including the *‘Aqā’ed al-šī’a*, written in 1263/1874 and dedicated to Moḥammad Shah Qājār; though not of outstanding merit, this work has been printed several times (first lithographed, Tehran, 1285/1868-69) and was summarized by E. G. Browne (*Lit. Hist. Persia* IV, pp. 381-402) as a typical example of popular Shi‘ite ideas in the 13th/19th century. From this it is possible to observe that the author was hostile not only to Sunnism, but also to certain doctrines of Sufism (e.g., *waḥdat al-wojūd*) and to extremist (*ḡolāt*) Shi‘ite and Isma‘ili views on the subject of ‘Alī b. ‘Abī Ṭāleb and other topics. M. ‘A. Modarres (*Rayḥānat al-adab*, 3rd ed., Tabrīz, n.d., I, p. 253) credits ‘Alī-Aşġar with twenty-three works including *Nūr al-anwār* (lithographed with his didactic *maṭnawī*, *Žīā’ al-nūr*, Tehran, 1275/1858-59, etc.) on the life of the Twelfth Imam and *Zolma mazlema* in refutation of Babism.

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