



## GARRETT COLLECTION

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**GARRETT COLLECTION**, one of the finest collections of Near Eastern manuscripts, bequeathed to the Princeton University Library by Robert Garrett (1875-1961), a graduate (1897) and a trustee of the University (1905-61). Although the collection contains mostly Arabic manuscripts, its Persian holdings are significant, including a number of important and exquisite manuscripts, such as a copy of ‘Omar Ḳayyām’s *Robā’iyāt* (dated 868/1463-4), illustrated copies of Sa’dī’s *Golestān* (dated 960/1522-23), Amīr Ḳosrow Dehlavī’s *Ḳamsa* (dated 930/1524), and the *Dīvān* of Ḥāfeẓ (dated 926/1520). The most prized possession of the collection, however, was a copy of Šaraf-al-Dīn ‘Alī Yazdī’s *Zafar-nāma*, dated 872/1467-68, which contained twelve miniatures attributed to Kamāl-al-Dīn Behzād (q.v.) and which, in 1940, Garrett decided to sell, together with an extremely rare 11th-century Kufic Qur’ān, in order to raise money to purchase a collection of Near Eastern manuscripts offered for sale by another collector named Abraham Shalom Yahuda. Garret’s brother, John W. Garrett, eventually purchased the two manuscripts and Garrett was able to obtain the Yahuda collection and bequeathed it to Princeton University in 1942. Yazdī’s *Zafar-nāma* was later donated by John W. Garrett to Johns Hopkins University, where it is housed in the John Work Garrett Library.



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