



RĀBET, 'ABD-AL-AḤAD

RĀBET, 'ABD-AL-AḤAD, 19th-century Indian author of Persian works (d. 1268/1851-52). He was born at Amthi, the eldest son of Mawlawi Moḥammad-Fā'eḡ, and was raised and educated in nearby Lucknow. He entered the service of the East India Company in 1240/1825 and rose to the position of *sareštadār* (reader) in the office of Colonel (later Sir) John Low, the British Resident at Lucknow (1831-42). At the request of the Resident's second assistant, Lieutenant John Dowdeswell Shakespeare, Rābeṭ wrote his *Waqā'e' delpadīr* in 1253/1837-8. This work, a biography of Pādšāh Begom, chief wife of Ġāzi-al-Din Ḥaydar Šāh-e Zamān (1229-1244/1814-1827), discusses the history of Oudh up to the year 1253/1837-38. The Persian text was translated into Urdu from a manuscript formerly belonging to the maharaja of Balrāmpur, and published at Allahabad in 1938. Rābeṭ also wrote the *Šarḥ-e aḥadiya bar waqā'e'-e Moḥammadiya*, a commentary on the satirical prose and verse work of Mirzā Nur-al-Din Moḥammad-'Ali b. Ḥakim Faṭḥ-al-Din Širāzi, entitled *Ruz-nāma-ye waqā'e'-e moḥāšara-ye dār-al-jehād-e Ḥaydarābād* (but usually called *Waqā'e'-e ne'mat-kān-e 'Ali*), which describes Awrangzeb's siege of Hyderabad in 1097/1686.



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