

## EDITOR'S NOTE

With the views expressed in some of the papers published in this book, I entirely disagree. Yet, being conscious of the limitations of a person editing others' works, I have faithfully discharged my duty.

The system of transliteration in regard to Arabic and Persian words occurring in the book has been adopted from the *Shorter Encyclopaedia of Islam* (edited by Gibb and Kramers, Leiden, 1953), and maintained without deviation as far as possible. For the sake of uniformity, and also in order to facilitate the reading of this book by those who are not familiar with Islamic legal terminology, I have taken the rather unusual step of adapting to this system of transliteration the non-English terms even when occurring in the passages quoted by the contributors from others' works or from judgments of the Indian courts.

The papers contributed to the Seminar have been grouped into and published in this book in four different parts. The readers should not, however, look for water-tight compartments in this classification, since that was not possible on account of the overlapping of ideas and subjects in the various articles. The major theme of each paper has been the guiding factor in its allocation to a particular part of the book.

Professor J. N. D. Anderson's first paper : *Reform of Muslim Personal Law in India* (printed at pages 34-39) was sent by him from London. It summarizes the views expressed by him at various stages of the Seminar, including the extempore speech he made at the inaugural session.

Some of the articles published in this volume, when received from the contributors, had no or inadequate footnote references in them; the reason being that they were written for the seminar rather in a hurry. At the desire or with the consent of the authors of those articles, I have supplied the necessary citations. I hope they meet satisfaction of the readers and the authors concerned.

A glossary of Islamic legal terms and a select bibliography have been given in appendices.

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