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ISLAM IN GERMANY

GREAT GERMAN SCHOLAR WON

First Eid Celebrated

Maulvi Sadr-ud-Din, Head of the Muslim Mission, Berlin cables :—

Doctor Marcus declares Islam.

Opening ceremony attended by large representative congregation.

Dr. Marcus is a scion of a high German family, a Ph. D. of Berlin University, a scholar of distinction and author of good many books. For some time past he has been in touch with Maulvi Sadr-ud-Din and his articles on Islam in our Berlin Mission organ, the *Moslemish Review*, which reveal a remarkable grasp of the inner beauty of the Message of Islam, won their meed of appreciation, we understand, even from our great poet-philosopher of the East, Dr. Iqbal

Germany, they say, is the land of philosophy and of science. But we can see the day as sure as the light of day when she would also be the land of Islam. For it is in Islam that all philosophy and all science find their highest consummation. Dr. Marcus' declaration is the homage that University wisdom must pay to that Desert Wisdom of El-Islam, that man-found light must render the Light from on High. This reminds us of the Divine promise, "For Allah is the East as well as the West". The West is destined sooner or later to witness the *sunrise of Islam* and we hasten to congratulate Dr. Marcus on his being one of the few chosen ones who are the harbingers of that sunrise.

The other refers to the opening ceremony of the Mosque erected by the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat

Islam in Berlin. And the "congregation" is the Eid congregation. The Mosque is the *First Mosque* in the capital of Germany. It is also the *First Outpost* of Islam in the spiritual conquest of that land. Great is the future before this institution and what may strike not much out of the common to-day, may be a great historic building of to-morrow—who knows? And it was only in the fitness of things that Maulvi Sadr-ud-Din who has the privilege of being the First Imam of that First Mosque and the First Soldier at that First Outpost, should have arranged the opening ceremony on the auspicious occasion of the *Eid ul Fitr*. It is on such occasions that you see Muslims from all parts of the world, of all shades of complexion from the white European to the dark African, embrace one another like members of the same family. It is such scenes that in these days of racial hatred present a broad silver-lining to an otherwise dark overclouded horizon and inspire one with the hope, that in spite of Kipling's "Never", the East and the West can yet meet in the universal brotherhood of Islam. Berlin witnessed such scenes of fraternization at her First Mosque for the first time, and we only hope that with every recurrence of the occasion, these may grow in volume as well as in influence