

Literary Intelligence.

مختصر نافع *Mokhtaṣir Náfí*. This is an Arabic Law book, and holds with the Shiahhs nearly the same place as Qodúry with the Sunnies. It begins like all Law books with purifications. The author's name occurs neither in the title page nor in the preface. The Editor probably did not know it. It is Najm aldyn Abú-l-Qásim Ja'far b. al-Hasan b. Yahyá b. Sa'yd Hilly, He died in A. H. 676, and is also the author of the Sheráyi' alislám which have been printed in Calcutta. A lithographed edition of the *Mokhtaṣir Náfí* has lately (A. H. 1267) been made at Delhi, it is in small 8vo. and has 248 pp. but very little can be said to its praise.

Besides the above, two Persian medical works have been lately (A. H. 1265) lithographed at Delhi. Both are in one volume, large 8vo. 287. pp. One is the *Alfáz aladwiyyah* of which Mr. Gladwin has published an English translation, Calcutta, 1793, 4to. The other is called تالیف شریف *Tályfi Sharyf* from its author *Mohammad Sharyf Khán*, a son of *Mohammad Akmal Khán*. The book is of great importance, inasmuch as it contains the *Materia Medica* of the Hindus. We have a free translation of it by Dr. Playfair. I may mention three other medical works which have been lithographed at Delhi.

علاج الامراض or Practice of Medicine in Persian. The date is a chronogram for A. H. 1257, when the book was composed. This is by the same *Mohammad Sharyf Khán* who compiled the preceding work. It was published in 1264, large 8vo. 611 pp.

طباکبر A work on the Practice of Medicine in Persian by *Mohammad Akbar*, commonly called *Mohammad Arzány*, who some years ago was a celebrated Physician of Delhi. The practice laid down in this book is now generally in vogue among the Musulmans in India. Large 8vo. 644 pp.

تحفة المومنین Simple and compound Medicines explained in Persian by *Mohammad Mumin Hosayny* of Delhi. Large 8vo. A. H. 1266, 668 pp.

A. Sewell, Esq. Interpreter and Quarter-Master of the 47th Regt. N. I. has favoured the Secretary with the following account of new publications which have issued from the two Lithographic presses which formerly had been established at Lucknow, and were lately obliged to take refuge at Cawnpore.

From the Press of *Hájjy Mohammad Hosayn* :

کلید دانش تصنیف کرده عبد الفتاح بعلم فارسی * رساله قیافه مصنف
نامعلوم * و ظفر جلیل ترجمه کرده نواب قطب الدین خان

Press of *Mostafá Khán* :

مشارق الانوار در علم حدیث * و مصدر فیوض در قوانین فارسی *
و پنچسوره مترجم * و استفتاهاى شاه عبد العزیز

At Bombay the *Akhlaq'e Náçiry* has been lithographed, but the hand is so crammed that it requires particularly good eyes to read it.

QUERIES.

The Editor will feel obliged for any information on the undermentioned Queries.

A dispute has been raised in Germany on the meaning of the words مات عبد الله في حدود سنة as for instance in the sentence مات عبد الله في حدود سنة. The expression is used frequently in biographical works, and it is therefore of great importance to know whether it means "about the year" or "within the year" or "towards the end of the year"

Baron von Hammer Purgstall is very anxious to obtain a copy of the *Díwân* of *Abu-l-Maâni*, or at least some information regarding the poet.

Mr. N. Bland is preparing a Biographical Dictionary of Persian poets. Every one who takes an interest in Persian literature must have felt the want of such a work, and will no doubt be happy to contribute towards it. It is very likely that *Tazkirahs* not accessible to Mr. B. may be found in India, and I therefore give him a list of the *Tazkirahs* known, and should feel obliged if any one who finds one not mentioned in this list would inform me (A. Sprenger, in Calcutta) or Mr. Bland, (Royal Asiatic Society, London.)

١٤ انيس الاحبا *	١ * لباب الالباب تصنيف محمد عوفي
١٥ يد بيضا *	٢. تذكرة الشعراء دولتشاه
١٦ آتشكده	٣. اسمان سخن
١٧ مجمع النفائس *	٤ * تذكرة علي شير
١٨ ياض الشعراء تصنيف واله	٥ * خلاصة الاشعار وزبدة الافكار
١٩ مجمع الغرائب *	٦ تحفة سامي
٢٠ سفينة خوشگو	٧ * تذكرة نفائس المآثر
٢١ خزانه عامره	٨ تذكرة طاهر ناصرآبادي
٢٢ تذكرة حسيني	٩ كلمات الشعراء تصنيف سرخوش
٢٣ * جواهر العجائب	١٠ هميشه بهار
٢٤ مخزن الذكات	١١ تذكرة المعاصرين شيخ حزين
٢٥ سرو آزاد	١٢ مرآة الخيال
٢٦ صبح وطن اعظم	١٣ مقالات الشعراء

Should copies be obtainable of the Tazkirahs marked with an asterisk I should be glad to purchase them.

Dr. Buist is preparing a work on the Meteorology of India, and would thankfully receive and acknowledge observations from various parts of the country, which may throw light on the subject ; such as quantity of rain, and moisture of atmosphere, temperature and its variations, winds, terrestrial magnetism, general features of vegetation, great floods like the one which occurred in the Indus in July, 1841. &c.



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