

commentaries on the Koran we find the product of the mightiest Islamic minds. And it is mainly in this form that the ideas of the most notable Islamic reformer of our time, the Mufti MOHAMMED ABDO, are perpetuated.

The number of titles of Islamic books collected by a bibliographer of the eleventh Islamic century came to over 15,000, one of these being in 470 volumes, and many in fifty or more. It is not therefore possible to give more than the faintest outline of their contents in a few pages; but there are now lucid treatises on Islamic literature in the four chief languages of Europe.

In the future it is probable that European models will more and more dominate the literature of the Islamic countries, and our classics are being put into Islamic dress. A friend of the writer has devoted part of his life to rendering Shakespeare into Turkish; another has performed the wonderful achievement of putting the Iliad into Arabic verse. The East, in taking from the West, consoles itself with the thought that it is taking back its own.