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A. G. ELLIS died on 17 March, 1942, at the age of eighty-four. Tributes to his scholarship and his humanity have been paid in the columns of numerous journals by his friends and admirers; and little remains to be added to what has already been well said by others.

I knew him only as a young man knows an old man; the fame of his encyclopaedic knowledge, and of his supremacy in the science of bibliography, had accompanied my earliest endeavours in the field of Arabic studies. Later I met him often, particularly at the India Office in the room which he had once occupied, and where I then worked, for we were both for some years Assistant Librarian in that great department; and it was an inspiration to find the legend of his qualities amply confirmed.

Ellis was not a wealthy man; yet he indulged the fancy of acquiring oriental manuscripts, and by shrewd and careful buying assembled a collection of noteworthy dimensions that included some really outstanding and unique items. The collection was famous during his lifetime, for with characteristic generosity he placed his treasures freely at the disposal of scholars; editions of certain rare texts—for example, R. A. Nicholson's edition of the Kitāb al-Luma’—would have been scarcely possible without the contributions drawn from the Ellis manuscripts.

Now, together with his books, the manuscripts are being offered to the public by his heirs; and they will not wait long for new possessors. In cataloguing the greater part of the collection, I have been struck by the good average standard maintained, as much as by the considerable proportion of rarities. The days of the free and easy purchasing of Islamic manuscripts are probably almost over; for most of the private libraries in the east have either been dispersed, or are now immobilised by the restrictions imposed on those countries on the export of antiquities. This fact, of course, lends added interest to the sale of the Ellis collection.

It has been a privilege, as well as a melancholy pleasure, to attend the obsequies of this man's favourite possession; it has been an experience that has increased my admiration for the scholar who, with so slender means, over so many years put together a collection of which far wealthier connoisseurs might well have been proud.

A. J. ARBERRY.
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