

## A MOSQUE FOR LONDON

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### FOUNDATION-STONE LAID

The Prince of Berar, who was accompanied by the Princess and by Sir Akbar and Lady Hydari, laid the foundation-stone of the Nizamiah Mosque at Mornington Avenue, West Kensington, yesterday, in the presence of many Mahomedan residents and visitors.

An illuminated address presented to the Prince of Berar was read by Sir Abdul Qadir, chairman of the trustees. It stated that the need for a large mosque, worthy of the metropolis (which attracted Islamic visitors from all parts of the world, and which had an ever increasing number of Moslem citizens), had been felt for a long time. Some years ago the late Lord Headley, himself a Moslem, had the good fortune to approach with success the Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar, who gave a donation of £60,000. The Moslems of all countries appreciated and admired all that the Nizam had done for the progress and prosperity of the great State over which he ruled, and the generous help which he had extended to good causes.

The sum of £28,000 had been spent on acquiring the site. For various reasons there had been great delay in starting the work of construction. It was now intended to build the essential parts of the mosque, leaving room for expansion when more funds became available. Money would be required for upkeep and for providing a resident Imam so that the mosque might fulfil its purpose as a centre of worship and of cultural contacts.

The PRINCE of BERAR said he would convey to his father the appreciation expressed of the gift for the mosque. He hoped that place of prayer, when ready, would give to Moslems living in the British Isles, and particularly to such of them as lived in London, a centre of worship and a spiritual refuge from the cares and burdens of the day.

\*\* Picture on page 18.