

OBITUARY NOTICE

Eduard Sachau

Eduard Sachau was born 20th July, 1845, at Neumünster in Holstein. He studied Oriental and Semitic philology at the Universities of Kiel and Leipzig. In 1867 he obtained at Leipzig the degree of Dr. Phil. with his thesis *Ġawāliqī's Almu'arrab* (Leipzig, 1867). In 1869 he became "ausserordentlicher", and in 1872 "ordentlicher" professor of Semitic languages at the University of Vienna. In 1876 he was called to Berlin, to the chair which before him such men as Friedrich Rückert and Emil Roediger had occupied. In 1887 he also became Director of the newly founded "Seminar für Orientalische Sprachen" at Berlin. He retained these two posts until he retired in 1920.

In 1879–80 he travelled in Syria and Mesopotamia, and in 1897–8 in Babylonia and Assyria.

He received many honours for his work. The Prussian Government gave him the title of "Geheimer Regierungsrat", and in 1906 of "Geheimer Oberregierungsrat". Prussia and other countries presented him with decorations. Besides this, he was a member of the Prussian Academy of Sciences and corresponding member of the British Academy and of the Academies of St. Petersburg and Vienna, Dr. jur. hon. c. of the University of Leipzig, and hon. D.C.L. of Oxford.

The following are his principal works:—

Theodori Mopsuesteni fragmenta Syriaca (Syr. and Lat., 2 voll., Leipzig, 1869).

Inedita Syriaca. Eine Sammlung syr. Uebersetzungen von Schriften griech. Profanliteratur (Wien, 1870).

Chronologie orientalischer Völker von Albêrûnî (Arab., 2 voll., Leipzig, 1876–8).

The Chronology of Ancient Nations . . . of Albîrûnî. Translated (London, 1879).

Syrisch-römisches Rechtsbuch aus dem 5. Jahrhundert, herausgegeben, übersetzt und erläutert (zusammen mit K. J. Bruns, Leipzig, 1880).

- Reise in Syrien und Mesopotamien* (Leipzig, 1883).
- Alberuni's India. An Account of the Religion, Philosophy, Literature, Geography, Chronology, Astronomy, Customs, Laws, and Astrology of India about A.D. 1030.* (Arab., London, 1887.)
- Alberuni's India* . . . An English edition, with notes and indices (2 voll., London, 1888).
- Arabische Volkslieder aus Mesopotamien* (Berlin, 1889).
- Catalogue of the Persian, Turkish, Hindustânî, and Pushtû Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library.* Begun by Ed. Sachau, continued by H. Ethé (Oxford, 1889).
- Muhammedanisches Recht nach schafîitischer Lehre* (Stuttgart u. Berlin, 1897).
- Verzeichnis der syr. Handschriften der Kgl. Bibliothek zu Berlin* (2 Bdd., Berlin, 1899).
- Am Euphrat und Tigris. Reisebericht* (Leipzig, 1900).
- Syrische Rechtsbücher herausgegeben und übersetzt* (3 Teile, Berlin, 1907, 1908, 1914).
- “Drei aramäische Papyrus-Urkunden aus Elephantine” (1907, in den *Abhandlungen der Preus. Akademie der Wissenschaften*).
- Aramäische Papyrus und Ostraka aus einer jüdischen Militär-Kolonie zu Elephantine aus dem 5. Jahrhundert v. Chr.* (2 Bdd., Leipzig, 1911).
- Sachau also directed :—
- The editing of Ibn Saad's *Biographien Muhammeds, seiner Gefährten und der späteren Träger des Islams* (Leiden, 1905 ff.; he himself contributed Vol. III, 1, and the Indices).
- The publication of the *Mitteilungen des Seminars für Orientalische Sprachen* (Berlin, 1898–1920); and
- The publication of the *Archiv. für das Studium deutscher Kolonialsprachen* (Berlin, 1902 ff.).

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