

Urdu-i-Mualla: A Compendium of Hasrat Mohani's Views

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Abstract

Giving the reasons of the Muslims, joining the Indian National Movement, Hasrat says in one of his articles that it was not necessary for them in Sir Syed's time because of the lack of education. But now the situation is different. A considerable part of the Muslims of India has benefitted from the Modern education. Though, as a whole, they are still met on the equal footing with them in this regard, yet it does not mean that even a single person among the Muslims is not capable of entering into politics. Hardly any one can say that still Muslims are not capable of participating into politics. He believed that the aloofness of Muslims from the affairs of the country was not a reality, rather it is fabricated. In this paper related issues is discussed.

After completing his education, Hasrat Mohani, like several other students of the M.A.O. College, could get job in the civil administration on the recommendation of the Principal of the College, But this was not possible for Hasrat Mohani, as he was not ready to change his attitude towards English. He saw a wide field of practical life because of his strained relation with the M.A.O. College authorities. He started his career as journalist by publishing an Urdu monthly entitled *Urdu-i Mualla* from Aligarh. Its first issue appeared in July 1903.¹ Through it, he tried his best to change the Muslim political views prevailing at that time in Indian Sub-Continent. Their majority considered Indian National

¹. When he started his journal there were many important journal like *Makhzan* of Shaikh Abdul Qadir from Lahore, *Khazang-i Nazar*, of Nawbat Rai Nazar from Lucknow but inspite of these reputed journals *Urdu-i Mualla* became popular among the Urdu knowing world especially in North India.

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