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PERSIAN HEBREW MSS. IN THE BRITISH
MUSEUM.

THE British Museum recently acquired a small collection of MSS. from Teheran, which will be of special interest to students who combine a sufficient mastery of Persian with a knowledge and appreciation of Hebrew literature. It will be best to arrange them in the numerical order which they occupy in the Oriental Series of the Museum MSS., after prefixing the general statement that they are all written in the Hebrew character, but that the language is Persian :—

1. A Persian translation of the Psalms, followed by several liturgical poems in the same language. Dated A.D. 1822. [Or. 4,729.]

2. “Haft Paikar” (*i.e.*, the Seven Images) of Nizāmī. Eighteenth century. [Or. 4,730.]

3. Timsāl Nāmāh, known as the “Story of the Seven Vizirs,” in the redaction of Rabbi Yehūdāh ; the legends of Eldad the Danite; Makhzan ul-pand (*i.e.*, Treasury of Advice), etc. Nineteenth century. [Or. 4,731.]

4. The Prince and the Sufi (*i.e.*, Barlaam and Josaphat), in metrical form, translated from Abraham ben Hasdai's בן המלך והנזיר. Nineteenth century. [Or. 4,732.]

5. Bible Stories in Persian verse, by Molla Shāhīn. Dated A.D. 1702. [Or. 4,742.]

6. Dāniyāl Nāmāh, or History of Daniel, by Khwājah Bukhārai. Dated A.D. 1816. [Or. 4,743.]

7. Another copy of the work named under 4, followed by liturgical poems in Hebrew and Persian. Dated A.D. 1812. [Or. 4,744.]

8. The Divan of Hafiz. Dated A.D. 1739. [Or. 4,745.]

In order to complete the account of the Persian Hebrew MSS. in the Museum, it will be useful to draw attention to the following numbers in the "Descriptive List of the Hebrew and Samaritan MSS. in the British Museum":— Or. 2,452 (p. 11); Or. 2,459-60 (p. 21); Or. 2,456 (p. 42); Or. 2,453 (p. 69); Or. 2454 (p. 72); Or. 2,455 (p. 85). The first three are Biblical; the fourth contains Persian glosses on Maimonides' ספר המדע; the fifth Jāmī's Yusuf and Sulaikha, etc.; the sixth is a Vocabulary of difficult words in the Bible, with explanations in Persian; and the last is a treatise on compound medicaments, preceded by a calendar for the reading of the Torah and פתרון חלומות.

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