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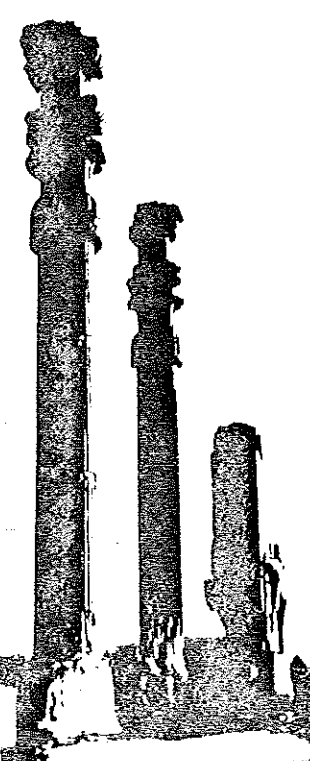
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PREFACE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Archbishop (Osqof) Hasan Dehqani was born to a rural family in Taft, Iran in 1924. Following his early education at the Anglican Missionary schools of Yazd and Esfahan, Mr. Dehqani attended Tehran University and the Officers Training College in Tehran. Upon the completion of his education, Mr. Dehqani became an employee of the American Military Advisors Mission in Tehran.

Eventually, Mr. Dehqani returned to Esfahan, where he dedicated his time to the translation of Christian religious texts into Persian. His interests in Anglican Christianity finally led to his stay at the Theological Seminary of Cambridge, England, where his studies led him into the priesthood. Following his return to Iran, Mr. Dehqani became the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Iran.

Osqof Dehqani's memoirs shed light on the life and efforts of Christian missionaries in Iran since the time of Reza Shah. Moreover, his recollections tell much about the interactions between Islam and minority religions in Iran. Osqof Dehqani's observations are also illuminating with regards to the political turn which Islam has taken in Iran, and has many insights into the relations between Christianity and Islam.

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