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Abstract:

These brief reflections are based on a presentation originally delivered at a function convened in 2019 by to honor the scholarly, literary, and community service contributions of Dr. Abidullah Ghazi (d. 2021), born at Anbehta, Saharanpur, India, a graduate of AMU (1959), holder of a Ph.D. from the Divinity School of Harvard University (1973), who after a distinguished academic career in 1983 founded IQRA International Foundation based in Chicago with his wife, Dr. Tasneema Ghazi, to develop a curriculum for Muslim children being educated in fulltime or weekend Islamic schools. Abidullah Ghazi, in addition to being a scholar, was a well-known literary figure who made significant contributions to both Urdu prose and poetry.

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Works Cited Notes:

[1] The reader may further be referred to a collection of his poetry: ‘?bidull?h Gh?z?, *Zikr-e-saman-e-’adh?r?n: majm?’a-e-kal?m* 1947-2002 (‘Al?garh: Id?ra-e tahdh?b-e-jad?d, 2002) and a volume of tributes entitled *Ahl-e-fikr-o-fann k? na?ar mein ??k?ar ‘?bidull?h Gh?z? ‘?lam? shakh?iyat awr k?rh?ee’ num?y?n* ed. Shahb?z Kanw?l Gh?z? (Chicago/Mumbai: Iqra International, 2017) as well as his prose work *?ar?r-e-kh?ma* (‘Al?garh: Id?ra-e tahdh?b-e-jad?d, 2004) which consists of a compilation of prose essays on topics related to the state of Muslim societies, Muslims in India, education, and social activism.

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