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The Editor tender his apologies for the inordinate delay which was none of his seeking. He is fully conscious that in the journalistic world delay is well-nigh inexcusable. But perhaps the mention of the fact that during the last few months the Woking Muslim Mission and Literary Trust suffered the loss by death of two of its foremost workers, Dr. S. M. 'Abdullah and the Maulavi Aftab-ud-Din Ahmad, might help in appreciating the difficult period through which it had to pass.
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