

## THE NEW EGYPTIAN MINISTER.

### ADDRESS FROM BRITISH MUSLIM SOCIETY.

The new Egyptian Minister, his Excellency Aziz Izzet Pasha, received an address from the British Muslim Society at the Shahjehan Mosque, Woking, on Sunday afternoon. The address was presented by LORD HEADLEY (El Farooq), president of the British Muslim Society. Those present included the Consul-General of Afghanistan, Sir Abdullah (Archibald) Hamilton, Mr. J. W. Longrove (secretary), Falix Valyi, Khwaja Nazir Ahmad (Imam of the mosque), and Abdul Mohyi (Mufti of the mosque).

The address welcomed the Minister as "our brother in the Faith," on the occasion of his first official visit to England as the accredited representative of H.M. King Fuad of Egypt. The address continued:— "We are confident that the dawning of a new era in the age-long history of Egypt is the herald of a future of national glory, honour, and prosperity in full accord with the unique and glorious traditions of that glorious land; that the new and intricate problems which are arising, and must inevitably arise in the near future, will find right and worthy solution under the gracious guidance of his Majesty." Thanks were proffered through the Minister to King Fuad "for the truly Royal welcome extended by his Majesty to our brothers the Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din, Lord Headley, and Mufti Abdul Mohyi on the occasion of their recent pilgrimage to Mecca. The British Muslim Society, "while too keenly conscious of the bitter and relentless prejudice still put forth by the Christian Church (in all its denominations) against Islam," could affirm that from Islam towards Christianity there proceeded nothing but toleration, sympathy, and active good will. Members of the society, in extending cordial good wishes to Egypt on resuming her rightful place in the comity of free nations, were confident that a momentous step had been taken towards the re-establishment of Islam in the councils of the world.

In his reply, his Excellency Aziz Izzet Pasha said the reputation of "this Western vanguard of Islam" was very great among their brethren throughout the East. The mosque had succeeded in creating an atmosphere of good will and confidence, and Muslims themselves would do all in their power to come to a better understanding with the Western world. Muslims had been the heralds of racial equality since the earliest days of Islam, and their Prophet did more for the moral unity of a large part of mankind than any historical figure since his days.