CHAPTER NINE

LEIDEN, *UNIVERSITEITSBIBLIOTHEEK* (UNIVERSITY LIBRARY), *BIBLIOTHEEK A. HOTZ*

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A.P.H. (Albert) Hotz (1855–1930) was a merchant active in various cities in Persia from 1874—his father founded the *Perzische Handelsvereeniging J.C.P. Hotz & Zoon*—and, after the firm had collapsed in 1895, consul in Beirut (1909–1921). His library, which contained about 15,000 volumes, mostly printed books on Oriental subjects, was donated to the Leiden University Library by his widow, L. Hotz-Woods, in 1935.

Literature: *Bibliotheca Academiae Lugduno-Batavae Catalogus, Deel XXVII. Bibliotheek A. Hotz. Uitheemsche landen, in het bijzonder Perzië en het Oosten* (Leiden 1935); Corien Vuurmans & Theo Martens, *Perzië en Hotz. Beelden uit de fotocollectie-Hotz in de Leidse Universiteitsbibliotheek* (Leiden 1995)—a biography of Hotz is found on pp. 24–30. Schmidt, *Opium Trade*, pp. 137, 148.

Hotz 2289 (Ar. 3008)

Tuhfe-i Şāhidī

تحفه شاهدهی

An undated, illustrated copy of a rhymed Persian-Turkish dictionary by İbrāhīm Şāhidī, a Mevlevī dervish and poet (d. 957/1550). The name of the author and the title of the work occur in f. 4a:5–8. Many copies of this work have survived. (For a description of the contents and further data, see Leiden, UB Acad. 77, below.)

A clipping from the printed catalogue and an *ex-libris* bookplate designed by A.P.H. Hotz (cf. *Perzië en Hotz*, p. 92) are pasted on the inner front-board.

Rebound in gold-embossed, dark brown leather with flap and red-cum-gold tooled insets in Oriental style; glazed white paper without watermarks; 32 + 1 folios; 177 × 120 mm and 137 × 77 mm; 15 lines in 3 or 4 columns; catchwords; vowelled *nesih*; headings, rubrics, numbers and dots in red; multiple gold borders within black lines; a crude headpiece in gold, orange, red and blue on f. 1b; multicoloured miniatures occur on ff. 7b (two Oriental figures against a starry sky), 10a (tiny portraits of twelve men wearing turbans),

11b (a king, a devil and three Oriental figures in a boat), 14a (the sign of saggitarius), 16a (a joker surrounded by animals, moons and a star), 20a (a naked man eaten by a fish and three Oriental figures in a boat), 22b (Oriental figures, of whom one is sitting on a throne carried by two men) and 32a (two Oriental figures and a box with snakes); without a date and the name of a copyist.

Begins (2b, as in the printed edition of 1275):

بنام خالق و حی توانا * قدیم و قادر و بینا و دانا

Author and title are found on f. 4a (as in the printed edition of 1275, p. 7):

چو الطاف خدا کوستردی اتمام * دیدم بنداخی تحفه شاهی نام

کدام شاهی مولوی یم * دیار منتشراده مغلوی یم

Ends (33b):

فاعلاتن فاعلاتن فاعلات * بو کتابی اوکرن اچ آب حیات

Catalogue entry: *Catalogus, Deel XXVII, Bibliotheek A. Hotz*, p. 146.