

Dars Mian Wadda

The spacious mausoleum of Shaikh Muhammad Ismail, alias Mian Wadda, is situated at a distance of one mile from the Shalimar gardens, to the south. He built the Madrassa, or school, attached to it in the time of Akbar, in 1008 A. H. (1599 A.D). The school was intended for instruction in the Quran. There is a large number of cells for the accommodation of faqirs, and a mosque. Muhammad Ismail was son of Fathulla, son of Abdulla, son of Sarfaraz Khan. He was born in 995 A. H. (1586 A. D.) and became a disciple of Makhdum Abdul Karim of Langar Makhdum on the Chenab. He became a great scholar, and opened his Madrasa in Mohalla Telpura, in the suburbs of Lahore. He gave instruction in theology, jurisprudence, Hadis and Tafsir (Commentary on the Quran). Thousands of people were benefited by this institution. His fame, as a religious teacher and moralist, reached to far distances. He died in 1095 A. H. (1683 A.D.), during the reign of Aurangzeb, after having lived for a hundred years. According to a desire expressed by him, no dome was constructed over his grave. Aurangzeb made a large grant of land for the maintenance of this institution.

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