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On his death this large collection of valuable manuscripts was left as a gift in the charge of the Elders of the Kudmi Zoroastrians, to be taken care of by them and rendered available for perusal to the learned of all castes and creeds.

It remained in their hands from the date of his death, which event occurred in A.C. 1830, to the year 1854, when the community, with a view to commemorate the name of the deceased, founded a Madressa bearing his name, for the instruction and improvement of the Zoroastrians in their sacred lore. Whilst thus founding the Madressa, which still exists and is called Moolla Firoz Madressa, an endowment fund was raised, and it was resolved that the Library be called Moolla Firoz Ketábkhána, and maintained from the funds subscribed. The management of the Madressa as well as the Library was confided to a Committee elected from amongst the subscribers. In 1857 the Library was detached from the Madressa, and it came under a separate Committee.

New additions are constantly made to the original gift of the Moolla, chiefly by presents from the generous members of the community. Donations in money are also made to the fund from time to time by the charitably-disposed Zoroastrians. It

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is the only Library in Bombay which is open gratis to the public perusal; a separate class of subscribers has been instituted to entitle them to have printed works carried home for perusal, but on no account are the manuscripts permitted to be removed from the rooms.

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109	”	”	Arabic	”	119	”
40	”	”	Avesta	”	43	”
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