

beginning of the institution. Emphasizing the importance of hostel life, Sir Syed said to the students:

“Boarding house is a machine to make a Qaum..... If its parts will function efficiently, it will perform its function, otherwise it is of no use. You are the parts of this machinery and, therefore, you are to take benefit of it. Your fitness and readiness for the work is the most important”.

The above statement of Sir Syed indicates clearly that hostel is not only a place for residence but it is a centre of training of students in all spheres of life.

Khan, Mohammad Sharif (2003) wrote an article entitled, “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan Ke Taleemi Khiyalaat” (Educational Ideas of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan)³⁸. In this article, he wrote that before fifteenth century Muslims were far ahead with others in the field of education. Muslims had established such type of institutions that people of other religions also benefited with these educational institutions.

But after the fifteenth century, educational status of Muslims started declining and, therefore, their progress and development had been adversely affected. In the beginning of the second half of nineteenth century, Britishers defeated Indian and became the rulers of the country.

Sir Syed was the eye witness of the destruction of Muslims life and property during the revolt of 1857. He was very clear in his thinking that it was not possible for Indians to defeat the Britishers at that time because they had the latest technology, modern weapons and an organized system of war. He deeply analyzed the situation and found out the following two remedies for the social upliftment of Muslims: