

himself had seen the destruction of Muslims during the Mutiny of 1857 and he believed that any further fight with Britishers will result in complete destruction. His companions also believed the same thing. Under the circumstances, it was essential to start a movement for the upliftment of Muslims. The efforts made in this behalf took the form of Aligarh Movement. Sir Syed wanted that, instead of indulging in politics, Muslims should put all their potentials and energies in developing modern educational institutions along with Islamic spirit. This will help the Muslims to get prosperity and the honour they possessed earlier.

Sir Syed was very much impressed by the ideology of Shah Wali-ullah that the high commands should be in the hands of Indian people. He thought that to achieve this target, first, the Muslims should be highly educated and be able to play an important role in the politics of the country.

As far as the Indian Freedom Movement is concerned, the resolution for complete Indian freedom was passed by Maulana Hasrat Mohani and Ali Brothers, who were products of M.A.O. College, Aligarh. They started a campaign throughout the country to get the complete freedom. Thus, the Aligarh Movement played a significant role in achieving Indian Freedom.

**Musa-o-Adeniyi (2002)** wrote an article entitled, "Utilizing Islamic Education for an Ideal Politics in Nigeria".<sup>35</sup> He wrote that the insecure, rather confused socio-economic and political situation of the present day Nigeria is the result of their educational background, tribal sentiments and religious discord of their post-independence era.