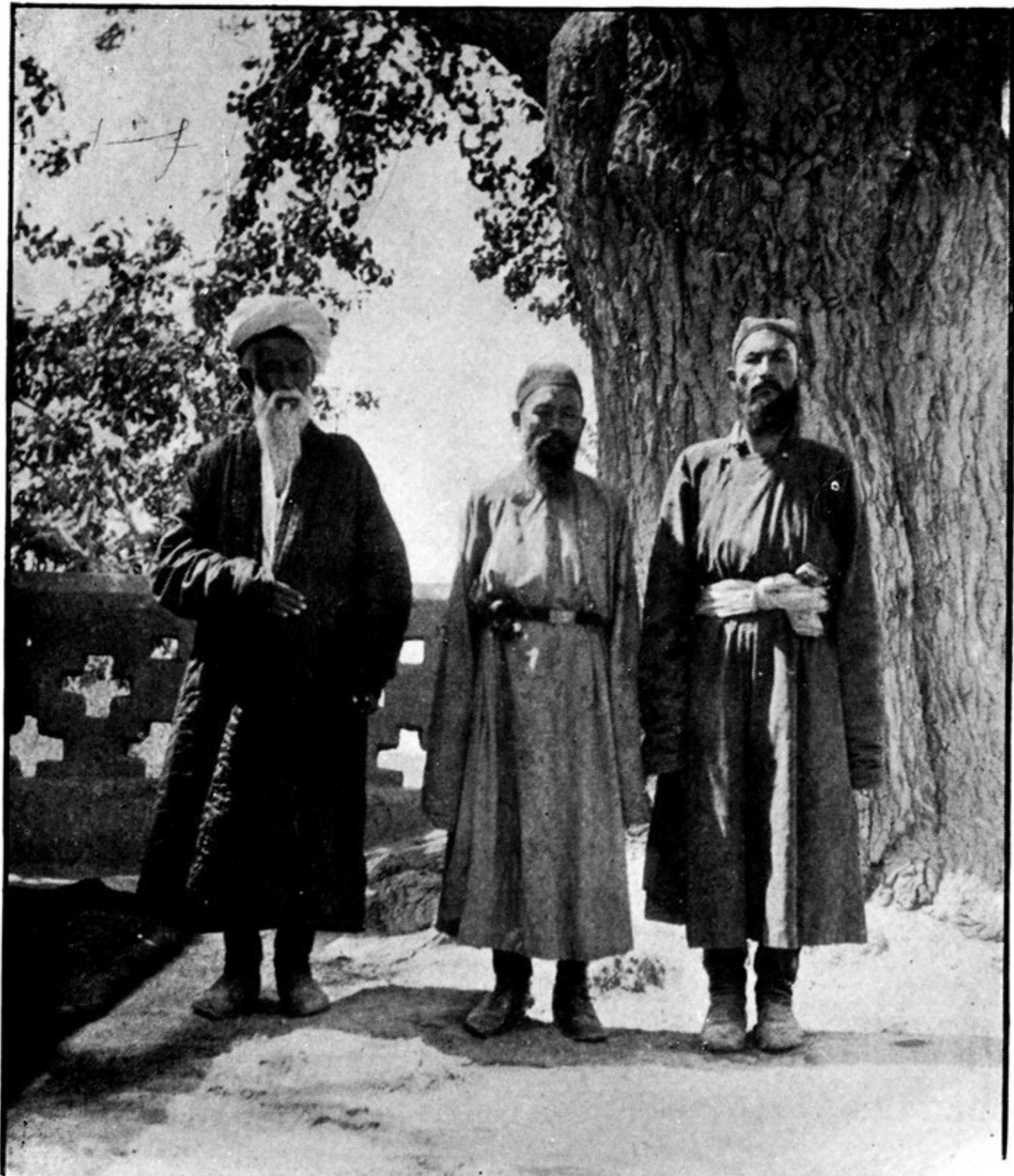


Towards three, we emerged on less fertile ground, and I was expecting to get near the edge of the cultivated area when there rose before me a grove of magnificent old poplars. It was the arbour enclosing the shrine of Bu (Bibi) Mairyam



BEGS AND AKSAKAL OF BESHKARIM.

Khanum, the saintly wife of Satok Boghra Khan, the popular hero of Muhammadan local tradition. Entering the courtyard through a small gate in the high mud wall enclosure, I found a delightfully shady quadrangle of old poplars, and in its centre under a grand elm tree a fresh collation. I was