

Ans



Mr O Judge

The University,  
Birmingham.

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Dear Mr Duxton,

My experience has been that my views on anything related to Politics or Statecraft are discounted severely. It is quite natural that it should be so, but it does not encourage me to rush in of ~~one's~~ <sup>my</sup> own motion.

If however you, with your obvious

knowledge of the East and of affairs generally, were to think it worth while to quote some part or any of my letter to you, that would <sup>be likely</sup> ~~appear to me~~ to give it a better chance. At any rate, you are quite free, so far as I am concerned, to make any use of my letter that you like.

I did give a Lecture and write a pamphlet on the Macedonian question some years ago; and the Balkan Committee at one



time thought of re-publishing it  
recently, but circumstances changed  
and they <sup>are now</sup> not sufficiently like what  
they then were to make re-publication  
quite appropriate. I believe

I have a copy left if you care to  
see it, but expect that it is not  
worth while to waste your time  
over it.

I feel sure that a large  
number of people would be glad  
if Sir Edward Grey could  
stiffen his attitude and lay down

the Law; but everyone feels that  
~~they~~<sup>people in general</sup> are necessarily insufficiently  
informed concerning Foreign Politics,  
and that it would be presumptuous  
to interfere, except after the infliction  
of a manifest injustice, when it is  
usually too late.

I was glad of the opportunity  
of writing to you, but I do not  
feel competent to write to "The Times"  
on my own motion and without  
support.

Yours very truly,  
Oliver Lodge