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Kannash of Avicenna.

Letter from Dr. Neligan to W.O.

British Legation,  
Tehran.

January 17, 1917.

Dear Sir William Osler,

Saeed Khan has asked me to send you a book and I am doing so through the Foreign Office. He says he has already written to you about it - the "Kannash" of Avicenna. He asks me to ask you to send the price to Messrs Burgoyne Burbidges & Co., 16 Coleman St., E.C. Saeed Khan often comes to see me and we talk of many things including all we saw at Oxford. He is an excellent and most entertaining colleague. He sent me a very good case of acromegaly the other day. The scalp was curiously wrinkled like a bulldog's skin. I have not see this described and do not know whether it is peculiar to the disease.

I hope that Lady Osler and yourself are well.

I know you must be extremely busy and will not be interested in a letter from Persia. I wish it had been my lot to stay in Europe and take up war work. This is anout of the way place but one is brought in contact with the war now and again. The Turks nearly had us running in August. They are still only 150 miles away. Then I have attended an A.D.C. of the Grand Duke Nicholas ( a Kalmuk); also a cousin of Sir Douglas Haig's (paratyphoid B - diagnosed by Dreyer's cultures - which I got through Gardiner).

The Turks by the way are at Hamadan. I hope they have treated the tomb of Abu Ali Sina with more respect than they have shown to poor old Saeed's garden. He says they have cut down £600 worth of timber! I hope we shall be able to repair the tomb before I leave Persia.

I was sorry to read of the death of Professor White whom I met at your house.

With my kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,

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