

Letter from Dr. A. R. Neligan to W.O.

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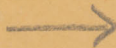
Dear Sir William Osler,

I am interested to hear that Dr. Sa'eed has been to see you.

I am all for repairing the tomb of Avicenna. Funk will I am sure tell you all about it. If a fund is started, I would be glad to help in any way possible. Perhaps Funk, Sa'eed and myself might form the nucleus of a local Committee to administer the money - and it would be politic to have one or two other native physicians - Mussulmans - as Sa'eed is a convert. Only the other day I decided to write a short illustrated paper for the Barts journal re my first visit to Hamadan with particular reference to the tomb of Avicenna. Do you think this would be a good way of opening the ball? It would be read by many and perhaps noticed in the medical journals.

I have friends at Hamadan, but Funk would be able to form a very good estimate of the cost.

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(in Persian) Tomb of Avicenna

I will look out for early MSS. Letter from J. Arthur Turk to W.O.

Sa'eed is most intelligent and well-read as you will have discovered. He is also the best native physician I have met. I greatly regret his having left Tehran.

Please remember me to Dr. Garrod when you see him.

With my kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,

A. R. NELIGAN.

Your esteemed favour of the 1st inst. has been received and I am very glad to hear that you are taking an interest in the restoration of the tomb of Avicenna. I have not yet had an opportunity of studying the question of the cost of the work but as to what formalities may have to be gone through with the authorities here to proceed with the work I shall inform you as soon as I can get some idea of the cost and permission from the authorities here to proceed with the work I shall inform you.

Yours very sincerely,

J. ARTHUR TURK

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