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British Legation,  
Tehran.

June 17: 1914.

Dear Sir William Osler.

Thank you for your letter of May 18: Please excuse the delay in answering it. I have been pressing things on both here and at Hamadan as much as possible & have now succeeded in having all the interviews I wanted ending up with the Report today.

Replying to your letter in detail: -

1. We have agreed here to confine subscription to the profession. It is good to hear of the leading societies being interested.

2. The permanent committee (local) has been duly approved by all here. It will consist of: - the minister for Public Instruction & Religious Endowments: the physician to the Shah. The doctor of the American mission at Hamadan. A mohammedan physician

at Hamadan. The manager of  
the Imperial Bank of Persia at Hamadan.  
The physician to the British Legation.

So I shall not be in England this  
summer. Have you ever thought of coming  
out here? I would like to show you Hamadan.  
There should be notes all over the work by  
next spring.

3. I would like to see a draft of the  
appeal. Perhaps it would be a economy  
to have the Persian translation printed  
here. Yes I think it should be in the languages  
you mention. Would you think of adding  
German? Browne would be delighted  
to do it into Persian.

4. There is no risk of objections from the  
religious folk so far as the Regent & the  
Minister for Public Instruction are concerned.  
Indeed I have myself discussed the  
whole thing with one of the biggest  
mujtaheds in Tehran this Sabbath.

They were very interested & approved of the plan. Incidentally they asked the questions ~~some~~ of the precepts of Islam in the light of modern sanitary science!

Referring to a previous letter of yours - The Shah would be very pleased with the favour of the appeal & I think it would be a politic thing to have him.

There is no endowment so the subscription is badly wanted

If you think the subscription list is going to be a big one - would you consider the advisability of fixing a maximum subscription? If however there is a surplus over and above the £600 which to my mind is the ~~only~~ minimum that we should ask for - there are two objects to which we can apply it

① To a prize or scholarship at the school of medicine here.

② To buying & enclosing a small piece of wash

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Prof. Brown  
Prof. Mansel  
or other

Reg. Pm or  
- cont  
Pr. R.C.S.  
- R.C.P.  
- S.S. in  
- student

Pres. Acad. Socy  
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Pres. Instn.  
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land adding it to the precincts of the  
tomb - so that the letters should be in the  
middle of its enclosure not on the boundary  
wall.

These two points can however be fully  
discussed after the matter has come in

I am sorry to say I have no news of  
my article sent over two months ago  
to the Editor of the Scots Journal.

I have written Denigun why he has  
not acknowledged it.

We are hoping here that you will  
make the appeal as soon as you  
possibly can now.

If I can help you in any  
other way I shall only be too glad  
to do so

With my kind regards

Yours sincerely

A. R. Kilian