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Letter from Dr. Neligan.

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Dear Professor Osler,

I have just received the accompanying book from Tehran. It is a copy of Avicenna's "Qanoon" or System of Medicine literally "Rule". It is said by experts in Tehran to be 5-600 years old. It is perfect but for the fact that a few leaves have been rewritten in a bad hand. Lithograph copies were made as recently as 45 years ago - and it was (and is no doubt by some) considered as an excellent book of reference for students and practitioners in Turkey, Arabia and India as well as in Persia. Of course you will submit it to the experts at Oxford. I took it to show to Professor Browne after his lecture on Persian Literature but unfortunately he was besieged by people and I had only a few words with him. There is of course the big "Qanoon" of Avicenna in five volumes. If you do not care for this smaller work - I will ask my native friend to look out for the bigger - but of course it would be difficult and take time to find all five volumes. He is on the look for the poems. The price is £3-15. A European buyer would of course have to pay more if he had done the bargaining.

I shall not fail to avail myself of your invitation when I am next at Oxford.

Believe me,

Yours v. truly,  
A. R. NELIGAN.

cf. letter of Jan 17 1917