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Suggested Scheme for the Restoration of the Tomb of Avicenna.

Sir William Osler called attention to the need for restoring the tomb of Avicenna. He stated that the sarcophagus still exists and that from time to time the tomb itself had been repaired. The present cost of repair and the expense of keeping a watchman would be from £500 to £600, a sum which might perhaps be raised without much difficulty by the combined action of the Société Française d'Histoire de Médecine with the Royal Society of Medicine, these two societies being especially named because they represented the two European nations most interested in the state of medicine in Mohammedan countries. He suggested that the Persian Government should be first approached, and if a favourable reply were received, that a subscription list should afterwards be opened.