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Hassanabad

Teheran

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Dear Sir William,

The effect of the "Kultur"  
of the civilized world has paralyzed  
even the poor semi-savage nations  
who admired the wonderful attain-  
ments which the educated people  
had reached, but from sorrow  
and tantalizing experience we  
have come to the conclusion to  
justify the never-to-be-beaten Book  
which says "professing themselves to be  
wise they became fools."

As you see by the address I was  
compelled to escape from Hamadan  
about four months ago for the  
Turks led by the Germans were  
coming and the fanatic Kurds  
too who were ready to put an end

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to the apostate Kurd, Dr. Funk who spent the winter in my native town heard a great deal of threats about me, urged me to leave the town of Hamadan. I had to leave the cool garden with its comforts and escape to Teheran in worst season, and that after an influenza which had left me much exhausted. my son in law had to escape (he is an Armenian) with his family, but my wife refused to go with us stayed behind to look after many things and to take refuge with Miss Montgomery in time of need, with my younger son. My poor wife had not done the mourning for her relations who were killed by the Turks and Kurds in Urmia two years ago, the story of those

poor Syrians there is too black & blue  
put in black & white;

Even here in Tehecan we were  
disturbed many had to escape  
but we could not do it, stayed on,  
even now we don't know what  
may happen to morrow. It is over  
two months not a single word  
from my wife & son, and "another  
string has been added to the Bass viol"  
my elder son Samuel the engineer  
has joined the British army, having  
shewn capability, has been promoted  
and soon will be sent to the front

About two months ago opened  
an office here and my former  
friends soon applied for medi-  
cal help, have a fairly prosperous  
dispensary.

My boxes of medicines books  
etc including the beautiful and

up to date edition of your most helpful  
 text book, ever since the beginning  
 of war have been entangled at  
 Batoum, in all probability not to be  
 able to get them before the war is  
 ended, when will that be? I feel  
 the want of the books, so keep to the  
 older editions, so hardly a day  
 passes that in looking into your  
 book my mind does not travel  
 to Oxford and the happy hours  
 I spent in your home and at the  
 library.

I trust Lady Osler, your  
 son and yourself are in the best  
 of health, though undoubtedly  
 the sympathy with a suffering  
 world must tell upon you,  
 how sad all it is.

temporary, and incomplete.

I know the Lady Oser would be interested to know that more than one of my Cousins, as good priests and Mohamadan devotees to help the Turks, have taken up arms to fight the Christians, what a contrast to the case of Samuel my son.

I had not studied the book with Dr Wintery and cannot recall the name, you got it to look at it I hear.

Here I meet Dr Veligan occasionally;

With much respect and salutations to Lady Oser and yourself

I remain

Yours very sincerely

M. Salee;