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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 heads
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 & hears 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 not so 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 language
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. I have
indeed I have myself discussed the
whole thing with one of the biggest
Mujtaheds in Tehran this satellite.

They were very interested & approved of the plan. Incidentally they asked me to discuss 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 & he would 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 & 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 & closing a small piece of waste

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land adding it to the precincts of the
tomb - so that the latter 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 Leeds Journal.

I have written to enquire 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. Kilham