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British Legation,
Tehran.

June 17: 1914.

Dear Sir William Osler.

Thankyou 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 there now succeeded in having all the interviews I wanted ending up with the Regent today.

Replying to your letter in detail:—

1. We have agreed here to confine subscriptions to the profession. It is good those of the leading Societies being included

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 motors all over the north by next spring

3. I would like to see a draft of the appeal. Perhaps it would be an 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 both the Regent & the Minister for Public Instruction tell me. Indeed I have myself discussed the whole thing with one of the biggest mujtaheds in Tehran & his satellites

& 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 to be named patron 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 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 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 money 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 Bath 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. Wilson