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Dear Major Saikes,

I am glad to hear from our mutual friend
Prideaux that you are interested in the tomb of Avicenna, about
which I have had communications from Nelligan and the man in
charge of the American Mission. Evidently the tomb is in need of
repair and I think we could raise the money in the profession,
probably, as you suggest, enough for a proper guard. I should
like very much to have an opportunity to talk with you about the
matter. Perhaps you would arrange some day to take tea with me
in London, or we shall be glad to see you here.

W.D.
Major Saikes,
Elcombs,
Lindhursts,
Hants.

26 January 1914.