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
My dear and kind Frau Soldziker,

My Wife and I both feel that you can hardly regard the Rasâ'il Ikhwân el-Safa as a personal memento of the guest to whom you were so good last year, and that the photograph of our children is also an inadequate mark of what we feel towards you personally; so we are sending you a little token of this feeling of ours, something which is for you personally, as much as the Rasâ'il was for the beloved Herr Professor. I hope it will arrive safely and that you will keep it as a souvenir of two friends who will ever be grateful to you beyond words for the ~~love~~ wonderful loving-kindness you ~~showed~~ showed to a stranger.

With what happiness do I look back on that month!

Please tell Herr Professor that the introduction to St. Rishkât that I am writing is reaching respectable dimensions and is touching on questions of great importance, viz. the sincerity of St. Ghazali on his esoteric side. I find that

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El Miskhal supplies me with a text-case  in this problem, and am therefore writing it up at some length. I should be very much obliged if he would advise me what I should do with such an article. I should like to put it into some magazine. Later on it will serve for introduction and notes to my translation of El Miskhal, which Professor Macdonald wants to make one of a series of similar translations, which (he says) he sees his way to ~~put~~ get published.

What are you going to do this summer?

As an Oriental I should have begun this letter with the usual *wa alaihi salawatun* — but in my case it would have had more than a formal significance. And so I close with it instead!

With affectionate regards to you both, — and may not I have a photograph? —

Yours very faithfully

W. T. Gairdner

The present will come enclosed in a little book. This is not because we want to defend the Hungarian customs! but because there is really no other way to convey this particular article to you.