



Damascus Palace Hôtel

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Dear Dr. Goldziher

I spent the afternoon of yesterday in the library here and examined the copy of *Al-Nawā'id*. It is not very old, nothing like as old as the volume of the work which we have in the Library of Columbia University. I am having a small part of it copied in order to compare the text with ours. There is a good copyist in the library itself who can be addressed

عبد صادق بن امين البالغ في مكتبة ملك الظاهر في الشام الشريفة

He will copy for any one, charging for 16 of his small octavo pages of Shurūsh. You will remember that I promised to let you know about this. I say, also, a very old copy of several volumes of the *Uyūn al-Awā'id*. On the whole, it is a good collection, and I am one right to make a good catalogue. Damascus has proved most disappointing. It is a dirty evil-smelling place and its mosques presents nothing that is remarkable.

Please to commend the three of us to Dr. Goldziher, and

Believe me to be,

Ever faithfully yours

Richard Gottheil.