



Budapest 14. august 1904

Dear Mr. Macdonald, The present letter is, I think, the last I write to you before leaving Europe in the company of my old friend Prof. Budge. I do not know ~~the~~ exactly the day of our reaching New York; but I intend to be at St. Louis as early as 17. September. It would be then no possible to comply with your kind invitation to Hartford before the beginning of the Congress. And after the Congress I am bound by the travelling arrangement proposed to the Foreign Speakers. I do not see Hartford in the list of the stations intended for this journey and I cannot hope to enjoy your

kind hospitality. But I will do my best  
to procure you this pleasure if the use  
of it could be combined with the gene-  
ral arrangements.

As for the photos, it would be the  
best to address to one of the Keepers  
of <sup>the</sup> Oriental manuscripts in the Publ.  
Library. I do not know, whether Salmon  
is already returned from Morocco, where  
he has been sent. Perhaps Mr. Maurice  
Schwarz (Keeper of the Hebrew manuscripts),  
or Casanova (Conservator of Oriental  
Coins) could help you to the desired photos.  
The object you have chosen for your  
lecture is an exceedingly interesting one.  
Do not forget to cite the latest, the

- as a young man -  
renowned Rankin (write to his brother. He says,  
that the knowledge of two languages are  
indispensable for <sup>every</sup> European historian:  
that of the Latin and of the Arabic. If  
you wish, I will give you the exact quo-  
tation. I do not think, that we could  
combine Baphomet with as other word than  
Mahomet. The interchange of b and m  
occurs very frequently in such cases.  
We have, for instance, Basurnan for  
Mussulman. You can easily witness  
that I cannot work great things in <sup>my</sup> ~~the~~  
<sup>present</sup> state of health and humor. We fled  
from the cannibalic heat of the town  
to a cooler place far from Andopost.  
I cannot have there the books needed

for the matters I am occupied with.

These latter days a Jerusalem friend  
(Dr. Yahouda) is with me, who has ~~with~~  
<sup>brought</sup> a copy of the only manuscript of  
David b. Urewan al-Munkammiz',  
scholastic work *ألف في شرح*, which we  
read in company. It is a very dry thing  
as all metaphysical speculations  
were.

With thousand compli-  
ments to you and Mrs. Macdonald

I remain your faithfully

J. Goldwiler