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Dear Macdonald, I hope, this letter will reach you although it is addressed to your Hartford home. I do not know distinctly your address in Maine, you missed to indicate it in your last letter. We stay this summer also in a garden-villa outside the town, where we passed the summer-months since six years. There are not much substantial news I could give you about myself. My friends here remembered the 22<sup>nd</sup> June past, ~~as~~ that day being the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my birth - a very significant event indeed. But they arranged, without our previous knowledge an infinite feast in my honour. Had I previous knowledge of that well-meant project, I had soon my bed to proceed it. But

at least I got a great lot of sympathetic manifestations and had so many about 600 answer-cards. My late pupils presented me a memorial-volume - in Hungarian. All these things have no other result as to increasing my nervous condition and to press forward reflections about the great sufferances I had to endure during  $\frac{2}{3}$  of these 60 years.

I read your "Ali Baba" with great interest in the D.R.A.T. and made some notes which I include here. I suppose, my volume entitled "Vorlesungen über den Islam" (Religionenwissenschaftl. Bibliothek, Vol. I. Heidelberg, C. Winter) must definitely leave the press next day, the last sheet (title-page, list of contents, preface) being corrected a week ago. I gave the order to send you in my name a copy directly from Heidelberg to your Hartford address, and I will hope the sending will not fail you. It would be a great service

for us if an English translation of the book (six lectures, containing 341 pages index included) could appear its original destination having been to appear in English as lectures delivered in America. Can do you something to acquire an editor in America who will give rise to an English translation? Perhaps your Chicago publishers? or some other American publishing-house? The translation must be made by a competent young scholar knowing the Islamic matter as well as the German language.

These days I put together some materials concerning "Education" in Islam reviewing all the what a gathered on that matter from Hadith and theological books. Your article is a very good foundation to build upon it. Then, I have to write the article  
2d. for the Islam-Encyclopedia. But I am here, in our forest, in lack of books to

with it. It is intended only for some twenty  
lines only. Your "Allah" is excellent, a  
very compendium of Muslim theology. I  
feel the difficulty you had in condens-  
ing such a rich matter and so bring order  
in the complicated questions as you succee-  
ded in doing it.

They published last time in Cairo an  
ابن طاوس الغدري of الفرق بين الفرق. I am  
anxious to study this book a new. Some 25  
years ago I used the Berlin Manuscript.  
Did you see the new books of Mr. Holtz  
about the Kalam-systems? It is very  
good to have at least one scholar in  
Europe ~~being~~ devoting himself to this  
sacrifice.

With many compliments to Mrs. Mac-  
donald on my behalf and that of my  
wife I am truly yours

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