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Dear Mr Asadollah Beejan,

You will be perhaps quite astonished to get a letter from me after five years, when I had been compelled to leave you in New York, to come back to Syria, where I am living ever since a very peaceful, but quite a monotonous life. Yet, I can never forget the extreme kindness and humanity you had always manifested on my behalf, when I was living in New York as a real stranger in need of such a noble hearted oriental friend like you. Since our departure we have devoted to your Souvenir our kindest regards, and we remembered you in many occasions with a deep gratitude.

I inquired about you since the first year of my arrival here, for I knew that you had left America for your country. I had later on the good chance to meet here in Beirut our good common friend Dr Bakhtyari, who was going to Teheran with his wife and her two charming babies for the management of a modern-style Hospital. I was very glad. we spoke of you for a while, and I was particularly happy to meet in this occasion, a very intelligent and big cultured gentleman (Atiâ yi Ali Asgar Hikmet) who was returning to Persia as the Minister of Public education. I mentioned your name to this gentleman



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I told him how great a consideration you won in the society of some high ranked american intellectuals, by your sterling qualities and by your high and philosophical culture, I told him also that the new Persia would be certainly in need of your valuable help and service for the real and definitive success of the movement of progress which is going on now.

Aka Hikmet told me then very eagerly that as soon as he will return to Beheran he will call on you most willingly, in order to realize his best wishes in matters of education and Culture in Persia. I learned with a great joy and satisfaction through my persian friends residing in Beirut, that you are one of the best professors in Beheran. I congratulate you heartily my dear friend. Now an extraordinary occasion was offered to me to write you this letter:

A very good friend of mine, who is determined to go to pay a visit of personal investigation to Iran, accepted very kindly to carry some letters which I wanted to adress to some of my dear Iranian friends, and he proposed even to me to travel together with him to Persia. This friend who will present you this letter of mine with my kindest regards and my best wishes for you is (Seyyud Saïd Sinno السيد سعيد سننو) by name; a highly educated gentleman belonging to a very good family of Beirut. He has been under the Ottoman rule general inspector of public instruction for many years in Beirut, and then Director and professor in one of the colleges of the country. He is of course



very keenly interested to see what you have done  
 for the re-awakening of the Persian mind, and to  
 inquire about the new method and system you have  
 adopted to realize such a success. I am very sorry  
 because it has been actually impossible for me to  
 accompany him in his travel to Persia, being preven-  
 ted by family affairs which will keep me for some  
 time still here. But I am quite determined to pay  
 a visit to Persia perhaps the next year. For the  
 moment I beg you my dear Mr. Beejan, to help kin-  
 dly my friend Seyyud Simno in his inquiry so  
 as to give him the best occasion to get a good idea  
 of your marvellous progress and of your interesting  
 and charming country. I will be also very happy  
 to hear of you, and to be in correspondance with  
 you; that will be a great joy and pleasure for:

Your devoted Friend  
 & Riza Toorfik  
 at Failasooof.

My adress is:  
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Mirza Asadollah  
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