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Konia
Turkey in Asia
via Constantinople

Constantinople

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My dear Macmillan,

The enclosed is a great disappointment. I have always been specially anxious to get a promising young Cambridge man started in Asia Minor work; & I was particularly pleased with what I saw of Hasluck. I quite appreciate the weariness & low spirits that supervene ~~often~~ at the end of an excursion; & he seems to have suffered during his five (or four) weeks in the Cyzicus districts. Few people can stand it long;

and he seems to have lost heart & sighed for the comforts of a King's Fellowship. I wanted to let him see how with proper method more work can be done, & the ill effects of the fatigue avoided: he would not have found the Konia expedition so trying as the Cyzicus one. These young fellows have not the knowledge of the country, which I was hoping to impart to them. I acquired it slowly & with considerable suffering & loss of health; and should have liked to have taught others. I mentioned in Oxford, when talking to the Philological Society, that

travelling in Asia Minor produced permanent (? or at least serious) deterioration of the temper and moral character; & that the idea of a centre at Konia ~~was~~ arose through the desire to avoid this evil as much as possible.

I see more & more clearly that this is my last exploration; and I am directing it to round off my work. The failure of the Fund, of course, has to be made up by myself: now not only does the expedition cost me the expenses of the trip (so far as the Fund fails), but it costs me the loss of my earnings

during the summer; and then
the publication of results is a ~~pure~~^{pure}
loss of ~~time~~ so much remunerative
literary work. I have found 1901-2-4 a
serious financial drain, and
cannot longer afford it.

Hence my regret about
Hasluck is so much the greater.
This was my last chance of
getting a ^{young} Cambridge man properly
started.

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Yrs always truly

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