

We are now continuing to do what we can: our equipment is now far too great for us, having been calculated for three persons — too many horses, & too many servants — all causing additional expense: the chronometer is useless, as Smith had taken up the observing department, & there was no possibility of my taking it up & doing it with any success in the short time that remained — I had hoped <sup>with his help</sup> to make a complete & systematic account of Phrygian monuments, for which ~~we~~ alone have not time. However we have done a good deal, made a considerable number of new discoveries, and lodged the Proto-Ionic Column pretty safely in Phrygia. Unluckily the photographic apparatus had a serious accident (blown over by the wind, exactly as Perrot's was ~~the first~~ before the Tomb of Midas), and I don't know how the photos made after that will turn out. At last the camera became quite useless, & had to be packed up. We are now on our way toward the Pamphylian frontier.

Yours ever sincerely  
W. M. Ramsay

near Kara Hissar

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My dear Macmillan,

We have had a fair summer's work, though many accidents have thrown difficulties in our way. First & greatest was Smith's illness: fever in Smyrna, delayed us for some days: then we marched very slowly ten days to give him a chance of picking up. However he did not seem to get into proper condition: slight diarrhoea & general indisposition hung about him, he became despondent about his health (always a fatal thing when ~~there is the~~ one is in a trying climate), and at last made up his mind to (with my full approbation) that the only prudent course was to return home. An illness many days journey from a doctor was too serious a matter to tangle with; and I did not wish that our A.M.E. should add one to the already ~~very~~ considerable number of deaths archaeological in Asia Minor, from Samell down to the French Scholar two years ago.