

Poste Restante  
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My dear Macmillan,

Allow me to express to the Council through you my appreciation of the honour they have done me by their generous recognition of my work. While I am especially gratified by the way in which the grant was made as a recognition of the past I look upon it as a means to assist my archaeological work in the immediate future, & it enables me to lay plans for the coming summer which I had dreamt of but hardly dared actually to form.

Yours sincerely  
W. M. Ramsay.

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P.S. I am also very glad that the money business is over: I loathe the money dealings, and am always miserable when I have them to transact. But my firm principle is to have such business always entrusted to one head, and as often as possible I try to make that head not mine.

Since I heard that the photographs turned out well, I have been as happy as the day is long: the news lifted a weight from my mind. Blunt has the talent to make a really good set of drawings with their help: and I must add that he deserves great credit for carrying out, of his own determination, the scheme of taking photographic apparatus. I have now no fear that the expedition will be a

credit to the society. In such work, you know that the illustrations give the chief value: so long as they are thoroughly good they can <sup>almost</sup> do without a text: the text without them is a mere airy hypothesis. On the other hand Blunt is not used to contend against difficulties, & I hardly think his drawings on the spot would have sufficed to make what science requires in illustrations. He has decided talent however, & now all is safe. He would I doubt not say also that without the photos our work would have lost much of its value.

I note your hints about the article. W. M. R.