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I
My dear Macmillan,

I have to render you an account of the expedition into Phrygia from a business point of view; some time ago I sent to Mr Newton an account of the work actually done by us. It is however only fair to say that, for the experience of the country and the people which alone made it possible to travel in the ^{least} most unfrequented parts of the country without mishap or misadventure and with no more hardship than any youth in England ^{goes} through constantly in pursuit of pleasure, I am entirely indebted to the kindness of Sir C. W. Wilson, H.M. Consul General in Anatolia, who invited me to accompany him in the spring of ~~this~~ year 1881 over Lydia, Phrygia, Galatia, & Pontus. Every day of our autumn expedition, I felt that the difficulties before us would

have been insurmountable, had I not already learned what was possible and what impossible in Asia Minor during my previous journey. I had also during this previous journey learned much about the geography of the country and about the likely districts to search for archaeological spoils. In fact the second journey was a supplement to the first; and therefore we were able to do ~~much more~~ a great deal in a very short period.

With regard to the relation between the Society, the artist, and myself in respect of this journey, I understand it as follows. With regard to money matters, ~~whereas~~ my business is solely with the society, and not directly with the artist. The Society has selected him & sent him out: for his share of the expense of the expedition, the Society paid to

my account an allowance of one pound per day during his stay in the country. If ~~the~~ ^{this} expenses exceeded this limit, the risk was left with me; if they fell short of it, the balance was to be paid over to the artist. The Society entrusted to me solely the management of the money, and the task of keeping an account of it. No other way was possible: the work of looking after the expenses, troublesome always in a country where every man is on the outlook to fleece the ignorant in every bargain, would be quite hopeless if two ~~were~~ ^{were} men were entrusted with the direction.

The daily expenses during the ^{actual} expedition amounted altogether to about £2-11/6: as I calculate the share of the expense which falls to the Society is ^{a little} ~~rather~~ over one pound per day; but as the artist was in Smyrna

nine days before the expedition began & six days after it finished, there remains still finally a balance of £10 from the allowance, after paying the expense incurred in the expedition. This balance I paid Blunt before he left England. He had however ^{himself} paid hotel expenses in Smyrna (which are not high): practically speaking, the allowance from the Society just covered his necessary expenses in Asia Minor; though in the way of buying curiosities &c he exp^t naturally spent a good deal more.

The expedition as I will point out in speaking of the separate items, was conducted in a different way from what I originally contemplated. I now find that the change involved an additional expenditure of £36, and produced a very great increase of ease & comfort and a consequent increase of working power.

In fact expenses involved in Turkish travel ~~with increase of baggage~~ may be estimated thus

	£	S	D
to travel with comfort - per day	2	10	--
to travel economically but safely	1	15	--

there is no practical difference between the ^{total} expense for one, two, three, or four persons: beyond that number extra baggage horses & a new scale of expenditure are required.

I put down these details as they may be useful to the Committee in case any future expedition were under discussion: I may add that in talking over the matter with Hermann last week, I found his estimate was the same - "for one to four persons daily expenditure three pounds T." (i.e. £2-14/ sterling).

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I trust the ~~order~~ accompanying account of details will prove intelligible complete, and satisfactory. I have no skill in money matters, and have found great difficulty in putting things down in a way that would be easy for strangers to understand.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
H. M. Ramsay.

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