

Aberdeen:

THE ATHENÆUM,

9. 10. 97.

PALL MALL S. W.

My Dear Pelham,

I refrained from wasting your time with a letter of congratulation. I hope you know how much pleasure anything that pleases you gives to me. Hardly any one has done for me what you have done; and I say that to many others when you are not present, what I hardly venture to say to you directly.

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I was particularly desirous to see you in Oxford, but failed. My reason for being there at present was to represent the claims of Asia Minor. Anderson of Ch. Ch. has done a wonderful amount of work this summer in the face of great difficulty & constant interruptions. Beginning with no knowledge of the language

two experience of the country, he has stuck to the work in a situation of really considerable risk — which few of us archaeologists would have faced. Hogarth is going to tell you that his opinion of Anderson has been entirely modified & raised by his success during the summer.

Now, in ordinary circumstances, he must return next September to

abandon exploration & take
to work in some other line,
teaching in some school
or college; and yet it won't
be till he has had a second
summer's experience that
he will ~~come to~~ reach his
standard of best work founded
on knowledge of country &
language. It will be a
severe blow to me, if, just
when he is reaching his
best, he has to come away.

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Moreover, next summer he
will be under the necessity
of being candidate for ap-
pointments at home, so
that he may not be stranded
& penniless in his own
country.

It is obviously neces-
sary that he be kept on
for two years more, at
least, in Asia Minor.

The materials of history are
being rapidly destroyed;
and here we have at our service
a man who has the power
of saving much.

We can re-elect him
in Aberdeen for two years
to the Wilson Fellowship,
if the other part can be found
Oxford. Every one ^{said} ~~says~~ in Oxford
(where I went to every body
I knew, some that I hardly

knew — though most
were unluckily absent)
that you are the one man
who can put the business
through. Anderson ought
to know in the spring of
1898 that he will have the
opportunity of travelling
two years more, & so he free
to give his entire energy
to exploration next summer,
& to lay plans for a term
of years.

In ordinary circum-
stances we should elect
a new man in Aberdeen
next summer; but if the
necessary half is done in
Oxford, I have no doubt
that we will re-elect
Anderson; but that also
must be put in train soon.
He has every chance of
doing a most splendid
& important work; but

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The necessary condition
is some definite endow-
ment, promising a future
to him. I was hoping
that reelection to the
Craven might be possible,
but, as it is not, I see no
opening except a college
Fellowship somewhere.
To travel in ~~the~~ Turkey is

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always expensive; and
is becoming more so.

Hoparth is to see
you in Oxford next
week on this subject.

I am,

Yours always truly,

W M Ramsay

P. S. In this summer Hudson
has discovered with definite
certainty & precision
the sites of Trapezopolis,
Kidramos,
Sanaos,
Hadrianopolis,
Meros,
Selinda
~~Pisa~~ Pisa
& with high probability
the precise sites of
Khelidonia
Kunaborion

besides clearing up many
disputed points and
clearing away several
errors that cumbered
the ground.

Wm R.