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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 me. Hardly anyone 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.

I was particularly anxious to see you in Oxford, but failed. My reason for being there at present was to represent the claims of Andærson. Anderson? Chi. Chi. has done a wonderful amount of work this summer in the face of great difficulty and constant interruption. Beginning with no knowledge of the language, his 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 and 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 year of summer's experience that he will reach his standard of best work founded on knowledge of country and language. It will be a severe blow to me, if, just when he is reaching his best, he has to come away.

Moreover, next summer he will be under the necessity of being candidate for appointments at home, so that he may not be stranded elsewhere in his own country.

It is obviously necessary that he be kept on for two years more, at least, in Asia Minor.
The materials of his brave being rapidly destroyed, and here we have at our service a man who has the power of saving novels.

We can re-elect him in Aberdeen for two years to the Wilson Fellowship; but the other part can be found in Oxford. Every one knows in Oxford where I went to everybody I knew, some that I hardly knew, though most were luckily absent, that you are the one man who can put the business through. Anderson ought to know in the spring 1898 that he will have the opportunity of travelling two years more, to free his entire energy to exploration next summer, to lay plans for a term of years.

In ordinary circumstances 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
The necessary condition
is some definite endowment, promising a future
to him. I was hoping
that re-election of the
Craven might be possible,
but as it is not, I see no
opening except a college
fellowship somewhere.

To travel in Asia Minor is
always expensive; and is
becoming more so.

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

Yours always truly,

W. M. Ramsay

P.S. In this summer Anderson
has discovered with definite
certainty & precision
the sites of Trapezopolis,
Kidramos,
Samaos,
Hadrianopolis,
Meros,
Selinda,
Pisa,
Pisa

I write with high probability
the precise sites of
Kheifkonia
Kunjaboreon
besides clearing up many disputed points and clearing away several errors that cumbered the ground.

W. M. R.