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Sir,

Having been informed that Mr. Ramsay (Oxford, Exeter  
College) has applied to the Asia Minor Exploration  
Fund in order to <sup>get</sup> furthered his researches, I have  
been requested to give you my opinion of these, as  
secretary of this Fund. I comply with this request, lea-  
ving you of course at entire liberty to communicate  
this letter to the board or not, as you shall think fit.

Mr. Ramsay is without doubt one of the most active  
and the most able explorers of Asia minor. The good  
old english tradition of learned roaming, the tradition

of Perrotin, Leske, Hamilton to-day is sustained  
by him, and sustained very honourably. For the accuracy  
of his copies of inscriptions I myself can testify; they  
alone prove fully that he is a conscientious man and  
a good scholar. The twin science of topography has  
made good progress by his voyages; my friends Mr.  
Lichart here and Mr. Gustav Kirchhoff at Es-  
sling judge very favourably of the map especially  
he prepares of ancient Phrygia. What I have seen of  
him in print, the hasty and denigrating articles he  
gave while travelling to various journals, are not  
free from error; but they give good hope that  
with more leisure he may distinguish himself  
also in future as a scholar. But for exploring  
the ancient monuments, it will be difficult to get a



better man, and if your board makes choice of  
him in this respect, you will do a kind and a useful  
thing.

I am, Sir,

respectfully Yours

Gardner  $\frac{19}{1}$  84.

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