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10th Dec. 1885

My dear Dr. Field;

It was just as I said. Your delightful book "The Greek Islands, & Turkey after the War" held me spell-bound until far into the night, and now that I have finished its perusal I wish to thank you for it more intelligently than I did, ^{as I could do} when you put it into my hand. It is more than equal to its fore-runners in the series. I think that excellent as the earlier volumes were, you have even surpassed them in this. Your descriptions are as good as photographs; and my wonder is, as I read, how you could see so much in so brief a time. But then when I reflect, I remember the trained eye, & I put you beside Forbes & MacGahan as the equal of either in your own proper domain. You have never done anything better than the chapter on the War. It must have cost you a world of trouble to write such a smooth, by-plain & perspicuous narrative & to detail so minutely yet so interestingly the incidents of the campaign on both sides. But your labor has made the whole story clear, & furnished an interpretation of the present in we meanly in Bulgaria. Not to be forgotten either is your fairness, for though you make no secret of your attitude toward "the unpeachable Turk" you do him justice. You have given us all a new interest in these old lands, & make

is all long for the time, when the crescent
shall pale before the light of the return-
ing sun. When it shines again in these
regions let us hope that the people may
make better use of its light.

Praying that you may be long spared
to write many more such books

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Dear Dr. Field

Yours faithfully

Wm. Taylor