

Antioch College

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My dear Dr Deason

I trust you will pardon my
troubling you with this note & if the request
it contains involves more than you can do
in a few minutes, will say so & I shall un-
derstand you fully.

I have to speak to the students
of a neighbouring College every year in a course
of Lectures & this year one point I am taking
up is "The Transmission of old writings to our day".
This leads me to speak of M.S. Now you have
a copy & so far as I know the only copy of the
§ that exists in this Country (America). When
it first came to light I heard a most excellent
address upon it by the Rev. F. A. Scrivener, who
(now one of the C. of Rectors)

It was then a neighbour of mine in Cornwall in
which he gave at least two conclusive arguments
in favour of dating it quite in the early part of
the 4th century soon after the year 300 A.D. Let bear
me strong, if not positive one, against putting its date
any earlier. Memory fails me however in clearly
recalling them. I thought probably the Introduction
to your facsimile of the \mathcal{R} would contain them &
that in a few lines you would be able to give me
the substance of them. I know not where else to look.
Still if it involves much time do not do so.

Will you also tell if the vellum is yellow or coloured?
If I can in any way reciprocate I shall be ~~at least~~
pleased to do and remain

Yours very truly

E. W. Claypole

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