

Berūt, Ap. 30, 1897

Dear Sir William  
and Lady Sawson,

I cannot forbear adding  
my hearty congratulations at  
the rare event which you  
have just celebrated, and  
my hopes that it is the har-  
binger of many added years  
of usefulness and happiness.

Little as I was able to  
see of you both during your  
stay at our house, I felt  
that we had gained sin-  
cere and genial friends, a  
conviction which your kind  
remembrance of us at this  
time strengthens and freshens.

Living in the part of the world  
where history is now being made,  
we feel in a special way the  
hopes and fears which agitate  
the rest of mankind. We  
had hoped that this gallant  
struggle of Greece and Crete  
might do something to shake  
to pieces the moribund power  
which has so cruelly oppressed  
the Christians of the East. But,  
just now, it looks as if the last  
hope that the Christian races  
of Turkey should attain  
their entire emancipation  
is to be cut off. What will be the  
result we dare not forecast.  
Only a profound conviction of  
the sovereignty of God sus-  
tains our faith.

It must be a serene pleasure  
to you both that you have done  
so much to fortify the faith  
of Christians, and to resist the  
encroachments of unbelief. As  
you approach the border of the  
magnificent future which a-  
waits you, it must quicken  
your ardor to know even as  
you are known.

I trust I may, even after  
so long an interval, again see  
you in the flesh. But it is to  
me a joy unspeakable that  
hundred spirits will have  
an eternity of full communion,  
untrammelled by the limitations  
which fetter us here.

With fervent wishes for  
your ever increasing happiness

privately,

truly yours,

Dr. P. W.

George E. Post.

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