

Hardwick Parsonage, ⁴⁹
Oct. 13. 1866.

My dear Sir,

As I have no present prospect of
being in Town, and you have so kindly
offered me the favour of receiving my
little Dividend at Queen Anne's Bounty
Office, I will avail myself of your very
obliging ^{consent to my wife's} proposition, & have enclosed my
Receipt accordingly - which only requires
the completion of the Date, according
to the time when it may be presented.

If you will then kindly deduct the ex-
pense of obtaining it, & the Postoffice Com-
mission, & postage, and forward it to me

by money order payable at Nay, the
affair will be completed, which will I
hope involve but little trouble to you, and
to me will be a great convenience.

I think when next I write to your poor
Son (which I am sorry to say is not as
frequently as I could wish) I must ad-
dress him as

"My dear Herodotus" —

From your account, I almost wonder
that he did not write to me! I

trust however that the name may be
associated in future with pleasant recol-
lections of victory over difficulties. No-
thing certainly is so agreeable as what we
have fought for stoutly, & fairly won.

I received yesterday a very obliging letter from Mr. Alex. Herschel, telling me he is going to spend the winter at Glasgow, and expressing a wish that if I were going that way I should call upon him - to which he adds "I hope Mr. Drayton might pay me a visit at the same time as I have not heard from him this year I hope his college duties keep him very fully occupied". I will send ~~him~~ him this message when I write, but I think his parents will not dislike the favourable impression he has evidently made upon Mr. A. H. But on whom does he not make a favourable impression?

If he would only come to see me I would
try to "coach" him a little bit in clas-
sics - Herodotus & several of his relations
being very old acquaintances of mine.

With very kind regards to Mrs. Ranyard
believe me,

My dear Sir,

yours very faithfully and
much obliged

Thos. W. Webb.