

Grassmere, R.S.O.

20 Augt: 1885.

My dear Farrington,

Many thanks for your
kind & congratulatory letter
written about the "Paisian".

I, in turn, must congratulate
you on having had such
distinguished fellow-voyagers.

There is not much to tell
you about the "Edinboro" matter
as yet. The morning I
telegraphed to you, I received
a letter from the Home Office
saying a Royal warrant had

to be prepared there appointing
me to the Chair and asking
for my precise designation
that the same might be
correctly stated therein. Since
then, I have been requested
to send the money to pay
for the necessary stamp on
the Letter of Presentation, I
have been informed that as
soon as the Queen has
signed the warrant, it will
be forwarded to me. I do
not, of course, until then was

the matter talked about,
between the cup & the lip
there is, as you know, the promising
chance of the slip! -

It is indeed a piece of good
luck I did not anticipate,
& not the least pleasing part
of it is, that I now find
the requirements of the chain
are considerably more than
I was led to believe. As
you truly say, between Leeds
& Edinburgh there is no com-
mon measure: - they are

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H. C. C. & Heaven: - incomp. able!

To day is Sports Day and we
have people staying here, so
you must excuse a brief letter.
I will write again on receipt
of the Queen's definite com-
mands, and tell you more
of our prospective movements.

With our best & kindest regards
to all the family you have
Lovers of & prosperous trip
out, believe that I am always

Very faithfully yours,
J. F. Armstrong.