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My dear Dr. Dawson

It has occurred to me
that you wd. like to see a letter
I received 2 years ago from
Professor Brown & I enclose
a copy. The following is a
memo which accompanied
a fossil given me by the late
Dr. Garret, mineralogist, of
Ottawa. "Fragment of a
fossil was found 60 feet in depth
in solid phosphate of lime, &
preserved by Stephen Wilkins
Dunn, from his mine on 13th
range Lower part of ^{seal, Quebec.}
July 21 '89:

I made a rough sketch



Mr. Garrett had also a bronze or
rather pure copper chisel of large
size & the antique shape I saw
held with the sides at the top bent
over so as to hold the handle.
It was found by an ignorant
handless French man at a
depth of 17 feet & was given
to Mr. G. but the man finding
out that it was considered of value
tried to get it back, & at last
got it from Mr. Garrett's clerk
to show it to someone & he
took it to his priest whose
church is 17 miles down the
Okaawa where it is preserved
now as an interesting relic.

These discoveries can be
verified by you or your
geological friends if you
wish, & will be of value, ~~of~~
~~not~~ in determining the
nature & age of these
deposits, if not of the antiquity
of man. I am sorry I did not
send the specimens to W. Hall
College.

As you heard a good deal
from me as to my paper, you
were not present. I send two
volumes of it, which I think will
interest you. I am going to
prepare a paper for the Biblical
Archaeological Society of London
on Ophran, & Saba - & also
on some quite new facts I have
found, showing that Tarsheh
must have been Tar Shooas - the
Soos country, whence "brass
dishes" were brought to Western
Asia, & where they are still the
chief article of manufacture.
It is the belief there that Jonah
was cast up on the shores of Soos
(or Shooas). Strange to say the
same story was told of the
hero of that country, Herkles,
whose post was there, Posta
Herkles Posta - Probably
the Herkla of Morocco.
Did the Jews carry the tale
of Jonah to Ophran,

or carry back a tradition of
the arlas country to Judaea?

The discovery is of much
interest. The facts I am working
out will settle I think beyond
question that Tarshish, ^{where} was supposed
to be on the coast of Spain or on
the Atlantic seaboard, Someewhere,
was in Soos, ^{was} the port of Ophrah.
In that case Eziongeber by the
Sea meant by the Mediterranean
& the passage of the children
of Israel was not through
the Red Sea, but ^{through} some estuary
inlet of the Mediterranean.

Otherwise we must suppose
that Solomon sent timber over the
Isthmus to that place, built his
vessels there & there dragged
them over the Isthmus to the
Mediterranean! The Hebrews
did not even know of the Greeks
till the time of the Maccabees;
& to them the sea was the Mediterranean
or the Atlantic beyond. It is
probable they knew nothing of
the Red Sea.

Commentators in order to keep
Eziongeber on the Red Sea, have
invented a second Tarshish in
the Indian Ocean.

Private

If not too much trouble, would you when you have read husband, let me have these notices.

Can you tell me when the transactions of the Am. Assoc. will be published & how much space you think my sketch deserves? I have written Prof. Portman, but he has been away & busy & has not answered. I can cut my coat according to my cloth.

I understood from Mr. Bourne that he had my name struck off of Prof. Wilson's list of members, as he thought I wd. not return, & that he wd. try to rectify the matter. I am leaving here to travel probably for two or three years - but I have property in Canada, & it is

my country, & head quarters. I much doubt the wisdom of including any Canadians because they are absent, & of putting on Englishmen who are only temporary visitors. - But what is wanted, of course, is to get good men -

I think, however, you might with advantage be on your guard with Mr. Bourne - He is, like

too many Canadians who
fancy the country is too
small for more than one
man.

Of course this is entirely
wrong, but I am by no means
the only person who forms
this estimate of two. B. +
though he professes that his
striking my name off was an
inadvertence, I have a difficulty
in regarding it. However
he can judge hereafter by
the anxiety he manifests
to rectify this inadvertence.

Hoping that I am not
trespassing on your time by this
long letter I am
Yours very truly

R. Schaubert

I leave, ^{in six weeks} for the South - perhaps
Guiana, via the Spring (d.V.)
I shall be back in Morocco
among the Shelluks.

I shall not resume my
practice here -