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My dear Dr Dawson

On my way home from  
Manitoba I got at Lake Superior  
some *Amethysts* of a peculiar brown  
shade of colour. I gave one to Dr Drus  
of the New College Edinburgh, who  
subjected it to scientific examination,  
and found the coloring matter to be  
oxide of Iron, but was more struck  
with the peculiar form that it assumed  
under the Microscope. I was informed  
that Henry Hunt of the Can Geol  
Survey had already analysed them

and I have written wishing a  
copy of Mr Hunt's analysis, or at  
least a particular reference to where  
it may be found. Could you supply  
me with either the one or the other

I have lately obtained some  
pieces, unfortunately only pieces  
of bone fish spears, also a very  
nice stone pipe, of which I may get  
a photograph taken. If I do I will  
send you a copy

Sincerely Yours  
George Patterson

