

JERUSALEM, SYRIA. - NOVEMBER 18, 1885.

MY DEAR DR DAWSON.

YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 28, 1884 HAS BEEN LYING A LONG TIME UNANSWERED. THE NUMBERS OF THE "LEISURE HOUR" WHICH YOU SPEAK OF SENDING ME, NEVER REACHED ME. HOWEVER I HAD THE READING OF THEM AS THAT PERIODICAL COMES REGULARLY TO REV H FRIEDLAENDER. YOUR ARTICLES WERE VERY INTERESTING AND ^SIN_ATRUCTIVE. RECENTLY YOUR VOLUME ON "SYRIA AND EGYPT" HAS COME TO HAND FROM THE RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY IN LONDON. MANY THANKS ~~FROM~~ THE SAME. MRS MERRILL AND I HAVE BOTH READ IT WITH INTEREST AND I HAVE ^{it}LOANED _A TO SOME PEOPLE HERE WHO MET YOU OR HAVE KNOWN OF YOU. -

SINCE YOU WERE HERE I HAVE FOUND SEVERAL INTERESTING FOSSILS OF A KIND NOT FIGURED IN ANY BOOK THAT I KNOW OF. HAD I HAD MORE TIME AT MY DISPOSAL FOR SUCH WORK MORE COULD HAVE BEEN DONE. - MY ATTENTION AS YOU KNOW HAS BEEN DIRECTED CHIEFLY TO NATURAL HISTORY, - FOR WITH ONE PAIR OF EYES ONE CANNOT COLLECT IN EVERY DEPARTMENT. IF I HUNT BIRDS I CANNOT AT THE SAME TIME HUNT FOR FLOWERS AND STONES. -

THE NEW PRESIDENT SEEMS TRUE TO THE CREED OF HIS PARTY NAMELY THAT "TO THE VICTOR BELONG THE SPOILS," AND AT LAST WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTICE - WHAT WE HAVE EXPECTED ALL SUMMER - THAT A NEW MAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED CONSUL FOR JERUSALEM. WE DO NOT INTEND TO LEAVE BEFORE THE NEW MAN ARRIVES WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE SOMETIME IN DECEMBER OR EARLY IN JANUARY. - MRS MERRILL HAS NEVER SEEN MUCH OF EUROPE AND WE SHALL DELAY A LITTLE ON OUR HOMEWARD JOURNEY TO SEE ALL THAT WE CAN WITH LIMITED TIME AND MEANS. - SINCE COMING HERE WE HAVE ENJOYED OUR LIFE AND SHALL HAVE VERY MANY PLEASANT THINGS TO LOOK BACK UPON, AND LIKEWISE VERY MANY PLEASANT PEOPLE TO REMEMBER. - MRS MERRILL JOINS ME IN KINDEST REGARDS TO YOURSELF, WIFE AND DAUGHTER.

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"My Galilee in the time of Christ"
published by the same Society is
Number "VI", and yours also the
same. I wonder how it happened?

My permanent address in America is
Andover,
Massachusetts.

{ where any
communication should
be addressed }

Yours Truly
Selah Merrill

Merrill
Nov 1857