

JERUSALEM, SYRIA. - MAY 27, 1886.

MY DEAR DR DAWSON,

YOUR NOTE TO AN<sup>D</sup>OVER, MASS., CAME ALL RIGHT (PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THAT IS MY PERMANENT ADDRESS IN AMERICA), ALSO YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 11 TH. - YOUR FRIENDS DR GIBSON AND REV W KING WITH A FEW OTHER CLERGYMEN CAME AND WENT. WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN BEIRUT DR GIBSON SENT ME YOUR NOTE TO MR KING (TWO NOTES IN FACT). I THINK SOMEHOW THESE NOTES HAD GONE TO BEIRUT WITHOUT TOUCHING JERUSALEM. - - AT ALL EVENTS YOUR MATTER WITH MR PAULUS HAS BEEN ATTENDED TO. - I HAVE NOT WRITTEN SOONER BECAUSE I WISHED TO WAIT UNTIL THE RUSH OF TRAVELLERS WAS OVER SO THAT I COULD SEE MR COOK'S AGENT, OR UNTIL HE HAD TIME TO ATTEND TO IT. - YOU LEFT MONEY WITH ME, AND AFTER SOME DELAY MR PAULUS COMPLETED THE MODEL AND PUT IT INTO MY HANDS. I PACKED AND MARKED THE BOX AND PUT IT INTO THE HANDS OF COOK'S AGENTS. ALL THIS MR PAULUS AND I AND MR CLARK (THE AGENT) REMEMBER WELL. - MR CLARK REMEMBERS SENDING THE BOX AWAY. - I WROTE YOU ABOUT IT AND YOU REPLIED THAT YOU WERE GLAD THAT THE BOX WAS ON ITS WAY. - THIS LETTER I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND AS IT IS PACKED WITH OTHER THINGS FOR AMERICA, - IF WE EVER GO. - MR CLARK HAS WRITTEN TO LONDON AND LIVERPOOL, - AND HE ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD FOLLOW IT UP AND SEE WHERE IT HAD LODGED. - I SHALL SEE THAT HE DOES SO. - WE WILL TRY TO FIND IT.

DR GIBSON AND YOUR OTHER FRIEND WE FOUND EXCEEDINGLY AGREEABLE GENTLEMEN. NEWMAN HALL WAS WITH THEM AND ALTOGETHER WE HAD A DELIGHTFUL VISIT. - ABOUT OUR GOING HOME WE KNOW NOTHING DEFINITE. - THE MAN WHO WAS APPOINTED PROVED TO BE AN ARAB. HOW HE EVER GOT THE APPOINTMENT IS A MYSTERY. - THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS CONSUL. - WE EXPECTED TO LEAVE JERUSALEM EARLY IN JANUARY AT THE VERY LATEST. - IF A NEW MAN IS APPOINTED NOW IT WILL TAKE SOME MONTHS TO MAKE THE TRANSFER. - WE HOPE YOU ARE ALL WELL AND PROSPEROUS. - MRS MERRILL JOINS ME IN KINDEST REGARDS TO YOURSELF AND TO LADY AND MISS DAWSON.

Yours Sincerely  
Selah Merrill

