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Dear Glenn:

I appreciated your letter of some weeks ago about the Nazareth iron. What you had to tell me about it was far more interesting than one of the learned papers one hears at a meeting of The Meteoritical Society! I have about decided I will forego this year's session. My wife is much attracted to Switzerland but I do not like their long session, night papers or the geological excursion.

We have committed ourselves to one of the eclipse tours, leaving New York June 22. I am not happy about being cooped up on a ship for two weeks, but it is the easiest and most pleasant way to get a chance at seeing the eclipse-- even then there is no 100% assurance of a clear sky being available, but you do have some mobility.

I have a little problem with the Nazareth slice. It is beginning to show exudations and deposits due to lawrencite. At this stage do you think it could be dissolved, perhaps by long immersion of ethyl alcohol or even something else? Your thoughts will be appreciated.

I am mailing you a small piece of Toluca I had. *
My friend Bob Brown thought he ^{could} cut it with an automatic hack saw he had purchased and I let him try, but it only ruined his blade and stopped ~~less than~~ half way thru. Can you finish this cut and polish and etch both faces? Sacrifice such material as is necessary. There is certainly no hurry on this.

The "Hawkins" meteorite from Waco is back down there on exhibit with a sign requesting information from any one and the Waco paper was supposed to run an article of inquiry for me. But no information seems to turn up.

Sincerely,

Oscar

* a little over 27oz by
some spring scales in the office