

NOTE ON PROFESSOR THEODORE F. WRIGHT'S
INSCRIBED WEIGHT OR BEAD.

By Professor GANNEAU.

AFTER having studied the little stone of which you have sent me an excellent facsimile, I have come to the probable conclusion that it should be read כסף, "silver," and not כֶּסֶף, as Professor Sayce. This word Keseph is taken here in the sense, which it often has in the Bible, of shekel of silver, shekel. I believe that the hole has been pierced after cutting in the weight by some Mussulman, who put it in a necklace as an amulet. I much desire to know the exact weight of it, with an approximate estimation of the weight lost by piercing the hole.

[The inscribed weight weighs 134 grains ; before the hole was pierced, 156 grains (approximate).—Ed.]
