
A BIBLICAL FORGERY.

DR. GINSBURG AND M. GANNEAU.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—Your correspondent's second letter in *The Times* of yesterday carries us no farther. He makes no new point. Every one knew at the time, and I admitted the fact three days ago, that M. Clermont Ganneau anticipated my father's statement. Every one has, however, united in giving the late Dr. Ginsburg all the credit.

M. Ganneau's letter, which appears to be your correspondent's whole stock-in-trade, appeared in *The Times* of August 21, 1883. My father's official report, addressed to Mr. Bond, the long-departed principal librarian of the Museum, was dated August 22 and appeared in your columns on August 27.

Ganneau admits he only saw the MSS. once, having a glance at two or three of the slips on which my father was working, as he had been for many days. Moreover, as the leader in *The Times* of August 27, 1883, points out, Dr. Ginsburg was drawn to his recognition of the source from which the parchments of the MSS. were obtained by his knowledge that the margins of certain synagogue rolls, purchased some time previously by the Museum from Shapira himself, had been tampered with. Ganneau could not have known this. I submit to you, Sir, that it is conclusive of the fact that in a moment of pardonable, if ill-placed, confidence, Dr. Ginsburg told Ganneau of his discovery, thus enabling the latter to anticipate the official report.

Yours, &c.,

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