of the Selish, or whether they have passed over their heads, can perhaps be ascertained on a severe comparison of the different dialects into which each has become divided, it being reasonable to infer that those which differ most from the parent are oldest in date of emigration.

The route of the Selish has obviously been along the courses of the two great rivers, Frazers and the Columbia. By journeying they seem to have penetrated to the sea, while on the latter they were stopped by the Sahaptin and the Chinook. Some branches undoubtedly crossed the Cascade range at different points, to the Sound and the country intermediate between that and the Columbia and the Silemooks have overstepped that boundary and fixed themselves on the coast of Oregon. The southern limit of the Sahkale is not yet ascertained. Mr Hale identified the Umpqua as an offshoot; Lieut. Kautz has lately shown the Soo-tos-tens to be another and it is possible that some of the California languages may also be assimilated.

Dr Newell states that since he first was in the Indian country, all the great tribes have been gradually breaking up into bands, whenever two chiefs attain about an equality of power and influence, jealousies arise which lead to a separation of the tribe. These are fomented by many causes,