

eve of starting. This, should it prove correct, with what we have already ourselves observed, will show I fear that the accuracy of former maps and accounts will not prove very great; but I prefer leaving this subject to a later report.

As we are already acquainted with the plains, and the course of Wady el'Arish and other valleys, we shall first examine the southernmost parts of the mountainous region which lie immediately within the limits of the Tiyúhah country; thence we shall proceed northward to Beersheba, making detours to the ruined cities in the 'Azázimeh district, and descend by Tell Arad into the Dhahariyeh north of Wady Marrah. The examination of these will occupy the rest of our stay in the Th, which we shall leave by way of Wady Musa. Although I shall, I trust, have then completed the objects for which the grant was made me from the Palestine Exploration Fund, I, as well as my companion, Mr. Tyrwhitt Drake, will endeavour to gather as much information as possible in the course of our journey thence to Jerusalem by the north-east of the Dead Sea. I cannot conclude without expressing my sense of the great value of Mr. Drake's hearty co-operation in forwarding the objects of the expedition. Should the Committee of the Fund be disposed to make a further grant for the purpose of continuing our investigations in Jerusalem and Palestine, I shall be obliged by their paying in the amount to my bankers, Messrs. Foster and Sons, Cambridge, in order that I may draw the necessary amount for my journey on my arrival at Jerusalem.

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ARABIC GLOSSARY.

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| <i>Abu</i> , father. | <i>Khurbah</i> , ruin. |
| ' <i>Ain</i> , pl. ' <i>Ayán</i> , fountain. | <i>Kubbah</i> , dome. |
| <i>Ard</i> , plain. | <i>Kurn</i> , pl. <i>Karun</i> , horn. |
| <i>Báb</i> , door; gate. | <i>Kul'ah</i> , castle. |
| <i>Bahr</i> , sea. | <i>Kusr</i> , castle. |
| <i>Balaat</i> , village. | <i>Már</i> , saint. |
| <i>Bakshish</i> , present. | <i>Merj</i> , pl. <i>Muráj</i> , mead &c. |
| <i>Beit</i> , pl. <i>Buyát</i> , house. | <i>Múhráb</i> , prayer niche. |
| <i>Belád</i> , district. | <i>Nahr</i> , pl. <i>Anhar</i> , river. |
| <i>Btul</i> , pl. <i>Beadáb</i> , daughter. | <i>Nakhíl</i> , pl. <i>Nakhil</i> , palm-tree. |
| <i>Bir</i> , well. | <i>Nebu</i> , prophet. |
| <i>Birkah</i> , pl. <i>Burák</i> , pool. | <i>Neb'a</i> , fountain. |
| <i>Deir</i> , convent. | <i>Nukb</i> , pass. |
| <i>Emír</i> , pl. <i>Umara</i> , prince. | <i>Rás</i> , head; cape. |
| <i>Ibn</i> , pl. <i>Beni</i> , son | <i>Sheikh</i> , pl. <i>Shaykh</i> , chief. |
| <i>Jámi'a</i> , mosque. | <i>Tarbásh</i> , fez; cap. |
| <i>Jebel</i> , pl. <i>Jibal</i> , mountain. | <i>Tell</i> , pl. <i>Tulál</i> , dim. <i>Tulcil</i> , hill. |
| <i>Jisr</i> , bridge. | <i>Tin</i> , fig. |
| <i>Ká'a</i> , plain. | <i>Turfa</i> , tamarisk. |
| <i>Kabr</i> , pl. <i>Kubár</i> , sepulchre. | <i>Umm</i> , mother. |
| <i>Kády</i> , judge. | <i>Wády</i> , valley; watercourse. |
| <i>Kefr</i> , village. | <i>Wely</i> , saint's tomb. |
| <i>Khán</i> , caravansary. | |