

of £37 10s. was added to the fine, being the value of certain things stolen from the tents; a month was added to the smaller periods of imprisonment, and six months to the sentence on Kahloush and Massoud. Mr. Moore's Turkish colleague concurred with him as to the shortness of the periods of imprisonment, but differed as to the amount of damages. The latter has now been fixed at a sum which we hope will be acceded to by the Superior Court of Damascus.

It is also intended to make efforts to enforce the due execution of the sentences upon the guilty persons. The satisfactory result of the trial is due in a great measure to the vigour and promptitude of Mr. Noel Temple Moore.

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### NOTE BY CAPTAIN WARREN.

Sept. 30th, 1875.

I WISH to correct a few misapprehensions into which Lieut. Conder has fallen in recent communications.

*Quarterly*, 3rd July, 1875, p. 166. *Makkedah*. The identification of El Moghar as Makkedah was made by me, and published in *Quarterly* of 1871, p. 91, and in "Our Work in Palestine," p. 217.

*Idem*, p. 134, *Masada*. The "Serpent's Path" was scaled by the Rev. Dr. Barclay and myself in 1867, and I have no doubt is still accessible, though rather a difficult path during the hot season.

*Quarterly*, October, 1874, p. 244. I examined the summit of Kurn Surtabeh in 1867, and found there the citadel of a town, a good plan of which was then in existence, published by Herr Zschokke. C. W.

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### NOTE ON M. GANNEAU'S PAPER, "THE ARABS IN PALESTINE."

A CORRESPONDENT sends us the following:—In the remarkable paper on "The Arabs in Palestine" that appeared in your last number, it is stated by M. Clermont-Ganneau, at p. 208, that the fellaheen of Modern Palestine are apparently the descendants of the ancient Canaanite nations. It will be very interesting to ascertain whether this is the case. If it is, it throws light on several passages in Scripture that have perplexed me for some years, I mean those which speak of these ancient tribes as existing in the last days, and being then destroyed by the vengeance of God. I subjoin a list of these passages. It will be found that all of them point more or less distinctly to this fact. Numbers xxiv. 17-24; Isaiah xi. 10-14; xxv. 10; xxxiv. 5, 6; lxiii. 1-6; Jeremiah xlviii., xlix.; Ezekiel xxv., xxxv.; Daniel xi. 41-43; Joel iii. 15; Amos i. 6; ii. 5; ix. 12; Obadiah 17-21. To the above may perhaps be added—Psalm lx. 8; lxxxiii. 6-8, and possibly other passages.

## DISCOVERY AT JERUSALEM.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21, 1875.

In the piece of ground west of the north road leading from Damascus Gate, about 150 yards from the gate, some interesting tombs have been recently discovered. The proprietor was digging a cistern, and about fifteen feet below the surface came upon rock which sounded hollow when struck. He broke through this and found beneath it some sepulchral chambers. In the structure of the tombs there is nothing very unusual, but in one of the chambers is a large stone chest which, when discovered, contained human bones. It is cut from a single stone, measures 7 ft. 7 in. in length, 2 ft. 8 in. in breadth, and 3 ft. 2 in. in height. It stands upon four feet, and has its rim cut to receive a lid. Some broken pieces of what is believed to have been the lid were found near. The rock roof of the chamber has been cut away in order to admit this chest, which is evidently of far later date than the tombs, which appear to be very ancient. Its use is not very clear. It is not an ordinary sarcophagus, and is much too large for a body. The most probable supposition that suggests itself is that it formed a cover for the protection of the wooden or leaden coffin of some distinguished person which has long since been rifled and removed. Near, perhaps over, this spot once stood the church dedicated to St. Stephen. Is it possible that in this chest we have the last resting-place of Eudocia? I send you an excellent plan and sections of the tombs made by M. Schick.

THOMAS CHAPLIN.

## THE PARIS GEOGRAPHICAL EXHIBITION.

THE following correspondence has been received on the map work sent to the Paris Geographical Exhibition:—

1. Lieut.-Col. T. Montgomerie, R.E., to the Chairman of the Palestine Exploration Fund.

Sept. 30th, 1875.

To the Chairman of the Palestine Exploration Fund.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the Paris Geographical Congress intends to send you a Letter of Distinction in recognition of the services of the Palestine Exploration Fund. This letter will be forwarded to you in due course, as you will see by the enclosed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. MONTGOMERIE, Lt.-Col. R.E.,

H.M.'s. Commissioner, Paris Geographical Congress.