

little doubt that the masonry is of the Christian period; an old sepulchral cavern, whose loculi had crumbled away, having been utilised by building new tombs within it. On a hill just above is a site called Khirbet Subkhah, where are several cisterns and large stones. One of the latter bears some rude crosses cut upon it. Masonry tombs are very rare in South Palestine, and the stone door still upon its hinges is unique. It is much to be desired that this monument be preserved from destruction, but there is probably little chance of this, as the stones are valuable for building. The swinging stone door in a tomb of comparatively recent date is of considerable archæological interest, as showing that these doors were in use at a later period than is commonly supposed.

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THE STONE OF FOUNDATION.

THE following from the Mishnah Yoma, v. 2, translated for me, January 30, 1872, by the late Emanuel Deutsch, may prove interesting with reference to Dr. Chaplin's paper on the "Stone of Foundation," published in the *Athenæum*, p. 608, 1875:—

Yoma, v. 2. "Since the ark had been taken away [*i.e.*, since the days of the first Temple] there was [only] a stone there [in the Holy of Holies] from the time of the first prophets; and its name was Shithiah [foundation], three fingers' height above the ground, and upon it did he [the high priest] place it [the incense]."

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NEW PHOTOGRAPHS.

THE following is Lieut. Kitchener's complete list:—

1. Scene of the Return of the Ark.
2. Scene of the Attack on the Philistines' Camp by Jonathan and his Armour-bearer.
3. Mount Moriah, the Site of Solomon's Temple.
4. Site of Solomon's Palace.
5. Elisha's Fountain.
6. Bethlehem.
7. Interior of Dome of the Rock.
8. The Jordan.
9. Cana in Galilee.
10. Bethany.
11. Way of the Cross.

12. The Traditional Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
13. Jerusalem: View from Palestine Exploration Fund house on Zion.
14. Citadel at Jerusalem.
15. Abbey Church of St. Marie la Grande, Jerusalem.
16. West Window of ditto.
17. Cloisters of ditto.
18. General View north of Jerusalem.
19. Jeremiah's Grotto north of Jerusalem.
20. Dome of the Rock, interior.
21. Ditto, showing architectural details.
22. Sebil Keyat Bey, Haram Enclosure, Jerusalem.
23. Kubbet el Abd, near Jerusalem.
24. Site of Bether (Bittir), near Jerusalem.
25. Boundary of Judah—Kustal in the distance.
26. Church of Santa Hannah, Beit Jibrin.
27. Cave at Beit Jibrin (Columbaria).
28. Fortifications at Beit Jibrin.
29. Details of Arcade at Beit Jibrin.
30. Adullam, showing the Caves.
31. Ditto, showing the Site of the City.
32. Ascalon: General View from East.
33. Ditto: View from East Wall.
34. Ditto: View on Sea-shore.
35. Ditto: Tomb Sheikh Mohammed el Messelli.
36. Ditto: Well (Bir el Kushleh).
37. Ashdod from the South.
38. West Door of Church of St. John, Gaza.
39. Interior of ditto (now used as a mosque).
40. Mosque in Jamnia.
41. Scene at Well, Jamnia.
42. Makkedah (El Moghar) from the East.
43. Valley of Elah, looking west. near Shochoh: scene of battle between David and Goliath.
44. Ditto, looking East.
45. Shefa Amr: Village and Castle.
46. Ditto: Rock-cut Tomb.
47. Church of St. Anne and St. Joachim at Seffurieh.
48. Castle at Seffurieh.
49. Convent at Kasr-Hajlah (Beth Hogla).
50. Masada from North-West, showing the Roman Bank.

To these must be added a photograph of the Restored Moabite Stone and one of M. Clermont-Ganneau's Vase of Bezetha.