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THE MASONRY OF THE HARAM WALL.

I HAVE recently received a copy of the July *Quarterly Statement*, with some remarks by Colonel Warren on my "Notes on the Masonry of the Haram Wall," published in January last. I have no copy of my notes, nor any papers connected with Jerusalem with me, so that I am unable to reply in detail to Colonel Warren's remarks, but I must ask space to say that he appears to have misunderstood much that I wrote; and, no doubt unintentionally, to have misrepresented my views with regard to the masonry of the Haram Wall, and the site of the Temple. My views, unfortunately perhaps, differ from those of Colonel Warren, but they are at least the result of honest conviction and some years of study; I do not think that, in the existing state of our knowledge, any new arguments can be brought forward which would induce me to alter those views, but I am quite ready to abide by the result of future excavation. No one has a greater admiration for Colonel Warren's work at Jerusalem than I have, but I think it only right to state that his excavations, interesting as they were, left the two great questions connected with the sites of the Temple and Holy Sepulchre as much matter of dispute as they were before. The spade alone can settle these questions, and I trust that some movement may be set on foot for recommencing the excavations at Jerusalem; it is

now known, within pretty narrow limits, where excavation would lead to positive or negative results of great value.

I may add that I am always glad to have any errors in what I have written corrected, my wish being to lay before the public the most accurate and detailed information possible; but I object very strongly to any one formulating theories for me which I do not hold.

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