was not) it would have been either here or in the other valley, in which
was the upper outflow of water. By David Kimchi and Rashi, as well
as by the Targum, Gihon and Siloah are regarded as identical, and this
being so, it is easy, in the light of modern discovery, to understand
the dictum of R. Samuel that “Siloah was within the city” (Talm. Jer. Chag., page 4). The entrance
to the passage leading down to the shaft by means of which the branch
of the aqueduct was reached from above, as discovered by Sir Charles
Warren, was almost certainly within the ancient city. This shaft
and passage may have been constructed partly for convenience of
ordinary life, but were no doubt chiefly designed to enable those within
the walls to obtain the water when the outer approaches to it were
stopped and hidden. The branch aqueduct is a part of the canal which
I venture to think was called Gihon or Siloah, and thus Siloah might
be truly said to be within the city.

THOMAS CHAPLIN, M.D.

SITE OF CALVARY.

Now that so much interest is concentrated on the excavations in
progress in and near Jerusalem, in which the readers of the Quarterly
Statement are being well posted up by Herr Schick, would you be so good
as to insert the enclosed letter, which I happened to come upon when
turning over a copy of “Mount Seir,” and which in justice to the late
Colonel Churchill ought to be made public?

Allow me to add that, in my opinion, the recent excavations in the
neighbourhood of “Jeremiah’s Grotto,” so clearly described by Herr
Schick, all tend to confirm the view that this spot is without doubt the
site of the Crucifixion and of the Holy Sepulchre.

EDWARD HULL.

“Ordsall Rectory, Retford, Notts.

“SIR,—May I take the liberty of saying that nearly 20 years ago the
site of Calvary as you and Captain Conder indicate it, was pointed out to
me by Colonel Churchill (now dead), the historian of the Lebanon?

“‘His arguments were identical with yours, though we neither of us
knew of the Roman Causeway. On two subsequent visits to Jerusalem the
idea became a certainty to me.

“I do not think Colonel Churchill mentioned his idea to many persons,
as it met with much disfavour.

“I am, Sir,

“Faithfully yours,

“S. KELSON STOTHERT.

“To Professor Hull.”

1 No doubt Hezekiah stopped the lower outflow as well as the upper, for he
stopped “all the fountains.” The Jews who sustained the siege by Titus were
not so prudent.