

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" שלוח היה באמצע המדינה. (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.<sup>1</sup> This 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.

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### 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."

<sup>1</sup> 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.