NEHEMIAH'S WALL AND THE SEPULCHRES OF THE KINGS.

In the Quarterly Statement, April, 1889, I wrote a paper on Nehemiah's Wall, in the course of which I showed the probable position of the royal sepulchres. Mr. Birch criticised my paper, and I replied. The argument might very well have ended there. But Mr. Birch returns to the attack, and it is obvious that the discussion might be prolonged indefinitely. Mr. Birch apologises for his "tedious notes" on the ground that unless he can show my errors the Committee will not excavate (on his site) and find the sepulchres of the kings. It does not occur to him as possible that they might excavate on my site and find them. However, I agree with him that the appeal should now be to the spade. If the Committee will resolve to excavate on both sites they will please a good many subscribers; and I, for my part, shall not mind which site is tried first.

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