

know that this is not the case, and that I have always, since 1878, placed it on the knoll which is now so generally regarded as the actual site—over Jeremiah's Grotto. General Gordon adopted my view, as did Laurence Oliphant, Mr. Selah Merrill, and others; the argument as to the "House of Stoning" being first brought forward in "Tent Work."

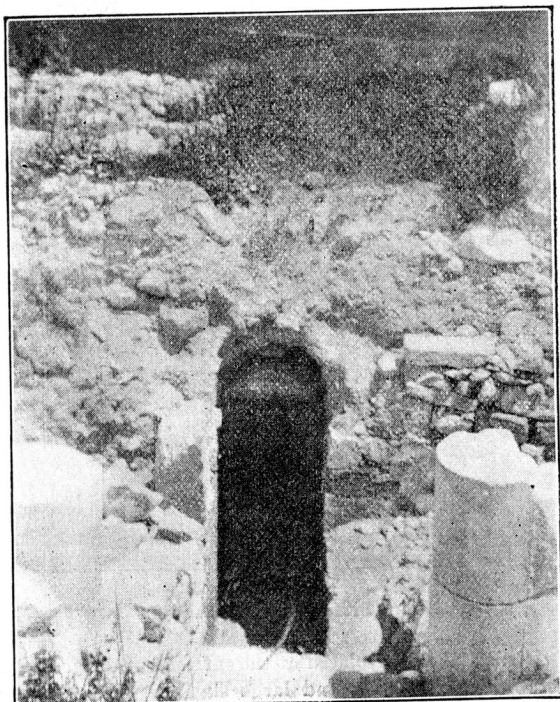
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### JACOB'S WELL.

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ON visiting Nablus for the purpose of photographing the Samaritan Passover ceremony, I called at Jacob's Well, the outward appearance



ENTRANCE TO JACOB'S WELL.

of which has been recently considerably altered. I thought perhaps a photograph of this change might interest the readers of the *Quarterly Statement*, and herewith send one of the entrance, showing where the excavations were made, and another of the site itself.

About six months ago a new Greek abbot took charge of the property, and at once set to work to preserve the site in a manner that will materially benefit his community, and at the same time save it from the ruin that would soon have lost us one of the most authentic sites of the Holy Land. The ground was cleared and excavated on the northern side, where a flight of steps was found leading to the vaulted chamber that was formerly approached with great difficulty through an opening in the earth above. This has been closed, and the chamber over the well



THE SITE OF JACOB'S WELL.

cleared of *débris*, and a door placed at the entrance at the foot of the steps. Several columns were found, and large slabs of stone. There is little more to add, as the chamber is known to have been a chapel used during the middle ages, but for a long time has been exposed to ruin and desolation.