

CUP-MARKS AT TELL EJ-JUDEIDEH.

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THE accompanying plate may be allowed to speak for itself. It represents the outcropping surfaces of rock in a small area on the western slope of Tell ej-Judeideh, and shows the extraordinary profusion of cup-marks displayed upon them.

The majority of the cups are saucer or bowl shaped, but some are of unusual form, and a few are unfinished. While one pair, connected with a shallow catchment-basin, are apparently the vats of a small wine or olive press, the remainder do not seem capable of serving any conceivable utilitarian purpose.

Cups are found in large numbers all over the hillside, but nowhere so concentrated as in the area here represented; nor, except at one place to the north of Beit ej-Jemâl, have I seen anywhere a larger number grouped into a small space.

Of other remains of rock-working, Tell ej-Judeideh presents no examples of importance. The chambers and tombs are comparatively insignificant; notices of these will form part of an article to be submitted later.

NOTE ON GREEK INSCRIPTION.

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I VENTURE to suggest that in the inscription published in the Palestine Exploration Fund *Quarterly Statement*, 1900, January, p. 69, **ZOMINOC** is certainly a variety of Dominus. I should compare—

δάπεδον and ζάπεδον
 δάβολος and zabulus
 δαιτα and zēta (zaeta).

Cf. Jannaris's "Historical Greek Grammar," 1897, § 1,125. The forms are rare, but I have examples unregistered in the Latin lexica.

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