

to spoil the chance of a catch. Yet a skilful thrower may easily get a bag of from 30 to 40 quail with one of these hawks.

A saker is considered past work and let loose at the end of its fourth season. The Arabs say that by that time the plumage has become too thin to serve it in flying properly. The peregrine is only kept one season, and is of no value unless in the first year's brown plumage.

NOTE ON THE GREEK INSCRIPTIONS FOUND AT TELL SANDAHANNAH.

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THE fragmentary Greek inscriptions discovered by Dr. Bliss are certainly charms and incantations, like those in fantastic characters found by him on the same spot. On one of them we have the words *σωτηρίαν καὶ τοὺς θε[οὺς] ἐγκαταλείπειν* (for *ἐγκαταλείπειν*); on another is the name of Demetrios.

The jar-handle with the name of Benaiah (B-n-y-h-u) [A]zariah ([E-]z-r-y-h-u) is interesting. The number of double names which occur on the jar-handles and seals of the early Jewish period is curious. It points to the modern Arab custom of transforming the name of a man's father into a surname, Mustafa 'Ali, for example, being "Mustafa, the son of 'Ali." Similarly Benaiah Azariah will be "Benaiah, the son of Azariah." But why is it that the custom is ignored in the Old Testament?

THE ROCK-CUT TOMBS IN WÂDY ER-RABÂBI, JERUSALEM.

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THE concluding portion of this paper will be presented in the next number of the *Quarterly Statement*. The proof sheets of the first portion were lost in the post, and in consequence the following serious misprints appear in it uncorrected:—

PAGE	LINE	FOR	READ
225	10 from bottom.	"acknowledgments ... for making ... measurements."	"acknowledgments ... for help in making ... measurements.
229	10	ΟΕΚΛΑΑ	ΘΕΚΛΑΑ
230	28	διάφέρον	διάφερον
231	12	Μνήμα	μνήμα
231	13	θυρόρων	θυρορῶν (<i>sic</i>)
234	1	πατριάρχου	πατριάρχου
234	6	ἄμα	ἄμα
234	22	anacolonthon	anacolouthon
234	22 and 30	Εὐγγυος	Εὐγγυος
234	38	τῇ	τῇ
238	4 above cut	μοναστηρίου	μοναστηρίου
238	3 above cut	Γεοργίου	Γεοργίου (<i>sic</i>).
239	6	Ou er-Rabâbi	Ou. er-Rabâbi
241	10	θείσα	θείσα

Also on p. 222, transfer the "2," referring to the second footnote, *from* after "date," line five from commencement of article, *to* after "only," two lines further on.

THE MONASTIC CEMETERIES OF THE WÂDY ER-RABÂBI.

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I BELIEVE it is possible to draw a further, and somewhat important, conclusion from the copy of the inscription in the Wâdy er-Rabâbi, No. 13, Pl. V, pp. 236, 237, where I propose to read:—

+ Θήκη διαφέρουσα τοῦ
ἀγίου Σε[ρ]γ[ίου] το?
ὑποσώριον

"Tomb belonging to the (Convent) of St. Sergius . . . the *hyposorion*"

The word *hyposorion* does not occur in the lexicons, but it is