

Robinson, in 1838, thought there was clear evidence of a rise in level since the beginning of the century (*Researches*, Vol. I, p. 519); we have indubitable evidence of a considerable rise between 1850 and 1892; and it is interesting to notice that, since the regular observations of the level have been begun, the rise, with fluctuations, has continued.

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## DEAD SEA OBSERVATIONS.

### SPRING VISIT, 1913.

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AS, at the last moment—to my great disappointment—I had to abandon going myself to *'Ain Feshkhal*, Mr. Hornstein kindly, once again, went for me, taking the lead of a party of four, including Mr. Hough, the Acting H.B.M. Consul. They went to Jericho, May 12th. Bar., 1 p.m., Jerusalem, 27·35; lower khan of Jericho road, 4.55 p.m., 29·4; Jericho, 8.30 p.m., 30·75. Thermometer (8.30 p.m.), 83·3° F.

*May 13th.*—Left Jericho at 4.45 a.m., and went viâ *'Ain Jehayar*, reached *'Ain Feshkhal* at 8 a.m. Wind N.E. in early morning, South after 10 a.m. Sky cloudless. Temp. at *'Ain Feshkhal* at 8.10 a.m., 82·2° F. Temp. of water of spring, 77·8° F. Bar. 31·5.

*Measurements.*—At P.E.F. rock, 11 feet 7 inches, a rise of 1 foot 7½ inches since the Autumn measurement. At pool 2 feet 4 inches above the mark.

*Animal Life, etc.*—On the road. Pintail sand-grouse, partridges, wood-pigeons, and some (doubtful) wild geese, seen.

The crops at Jericho are exceptionally fine this year, and many of the old residents say they never saw the fruit-trees and vines so laden with fine fruit.

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