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.

DEAD SEA OBSERVATIONS.

SPRING VISIT, 1913.

By Dr. E. W. G. Masterman.

As, at the last moment—to my great disappointment—I had to abandon going myself to ‘Ain Feshkhah, 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 via ‘Ain Jehayar, reached ‘Ain Feshkhah at 8 a.m. Wind N.E. in early morning, South after 10 a.m. Sky cloudless. Temp. at ‘Ain Feshkhah 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.