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The Last Jewish Sacrifice.
   When the Prince of Wales visited the Holy Land, he and his party went to Nablous, the ancient Shechem, in the valley between Mounts Ebal and Gerizim. A small company of Samaritans, 152 in number, remain there, the last of that religion, and the sole representatives of that once powerful nation. Here the royal party witnessed the celebration of the sacrifice of the passover on Mount Gerizim. As the sun touched the horizon, six sheep were slain with knives, and the blood was touched by the finger on the foreheads and noses of the children. The sheep were then spitted on wooden poles, after the ancient custom, and roasted in pits, the utmost care being taken to observe the injunctions of Moses. Silence was observed on the mountain for five hours. After midnight, the company were aroused to eat the passover. As no foreigner or uncircumcised person can partake of it, the strangers were not allowed to approach. With ropes around their waists, with loins girded, shoes on their feet, and staff in hand, the people ate it in haste, with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. Then every particle of the meat and bones was carefully gathered and burned, so that " nothing remained till morning." This interesting company of Samaritans at Nablous have long retained about the same numbers. The smoke of their sacrifices has seldom been interrupted for many centuries, and is now the only one Jewish sacrifice lingering in the world.

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