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LETTER FROM PALESTINE.

Would you like to hear of a little trip up through the country of Samaria and Galilee? We started from Ramallah, and rode on our animals over the hills for about five hours, until we reached the spring of ancient Lebbonah, where we lunched. On the way, we saw women gathering the lentils for threshing. At the spring, flocks were being given drink, women were coming to fill their goat-skins, and several Moslems were going through their noon devotions at the praying-stone. One was a tall, lithe young fellow with a green cloth wound around his turban, showing by the color that he claimed to be a lineal descendant of Mohammed. The fields about the place were very level and fertile, and the whole scene looked more like pictures of Old Testament times than anything I had before seen. About 5.30 p.m. we sighted the walled enclosure of Jacob's well near Nabalus (ancient Shechem), and rode around the bend of Mt. Gerizim into the valley running east and west between Gerizim and Ebal. A cool wind was blowing from the sea, the many fruit trees of the valley made Nabalus seem quite attractive. We rode to the Latin monastery, and found quarters for the two nights we were to stay. The next evening we went up Mt. Gerizim to watch the celebration of the Samaritan's Passover. The High Priest, facing the east, read the solemn ritual, and when, in reading the 12th chapter of Exodus, he came to the word "kill," seven lambs which were ready near by were killed as their Passover sacrifice, just as the sun was setting and the Passover moon was rising. The lambs were then dressed, and with exception of the right fore limbs were roasted whole in a heated pit. The next morning we started for ancient Samaria,

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