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Syrian Sunshine
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(p. 175) Besides the Pasha, there is another interesting person at Nablous, — Mr. El Karey, a giant, a Samaritan born, an American missionary. He also was soon visiting us.

(p. 176) Near by is the Samaritan Church, with its precious Samaritan Codex of the Pentateuch, which was displayed for our examination. It was a huge roll of parchment, enclosed in an ornamented case. We asked the priest in attendance to read a few lines and then translate them, which he did. Mr. El Karey has great authority by his double claim as Samaritan and American. He is allowed to turn over every thing and examine the oldest MSS. In doing this, he found what he is reluctant almost to mention now, when so many falsehoods are circulated in Syria. He was unwilling to publish it generally, though he had once in a paper of the United States. The manuscript was a record of events kept in Shechem in the days of Christ. He found written these words, in Samaritan: "Yesterday, at Jerusalem, was executed the impostor, Jesus." One does not see why it might not be true, as Nablous but continues Shechem, and the oldest things may stay there undisturbed. The word "impostor" was inevitable in the mouth of a priest of a hostile faith. If Mr. El Karey is sure of the fact, he should have these words photographed from the original, that the world may be as sure as he.

The ride from Nablous towards Nazareth is (p. 177)

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T. G. Appleton is **Thomas Gold Appleton** (1812-1884) an American writer, an artist, and a patron of the fine arts. [Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Wadsworth_Longfellow) was his brother-in-law after he married Appleton's sister Frances. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Gold_Appleton

BTW, Mr. El Karey may have been born in Nablus, but if I recall his family was Christian, not Samaritan-Israelite.