The above-mentioned proverbs are said to be centuries old, nevertheless they are still striking, and if held against a Tiriote for instance, asseverating his innocence in this or that before the Kâdy, he will hardly reply anything else in his Fellahin dialect, but: “Ya Ghânim, min ely Kallatsh” (literally) “My shepherd, who told you.”

G. Schumacher.

Haifa, 10th May, 1887.

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On page 108 of the April Quarterly Statement, Captain Conder disputes the reality of the two Phœnician characters that I found on the monolith of Siloam, and refers the reader to the “Jerusalem” volume of the “Memoirs.” I can only find one passage in that volume referring to the characters. In this (page 7) Captain Conder says: “The remains of two letters, apparently of the earlier Hebrew character, have recently been observed on this tomb by M. Clermont-Ganneau, which might serve to class this monument as one earlier than those already mentioned.” I formally maintain my opinion. I have had in my hands a squeeze of the letters which confirms me.

On page 105 of the same number, Captain Conder seems to assert that my identification of Hippos with Susyeh, where he says that Hippos was identified with Susitha by Neubauer. That identification was made long ago by Lightfoot. My discovery is this, I pointed out that Susitha is no other than the Arabic Susyeh, and that Susyeh mentioned by Mussulman geographers represents the name and site of Hippos.