THE CITY OF DAVID AND ACRA.

In the Quarterly Statement for 1886, p. 27, I stated that Josephus described the part north of the Upper City (the Acre of Sir Charles Warren and Captain Conder) as the suburb (προαστία), but I omitted to point out the evidence.

In reference to this part Josephus says (Wars v, iv, 2) that the second wall only encompassed the northern quarter (τὸ προαστίον κλίμα). But again in reference to a particular part of Jerusalem, Josephus speaks of it as the northern quarter (τὸ προαστίον) in Wars i, xiii, 3, but as the suburb in the parallel passage in the Ant. xiv, xiii, 4, thus identifying the two. With this agrees the statement in Ant. xv, xi, 5, that two of the western gates of the temple led to the suburb; inasmuch as the part north of the Upper City was on the western side of the temple.

Thus Josephus places the suburb north and the Acre east of the Upper City, on Ophel (so called, 1886, 27), hereby unconsciously admitting that Ophel was the site of the City of David. This is clear, since Josephus identifies his Acre with that of the Maccabees (Wars v iv, 1), which was the City of David (1. Macc. 1, 33), which was on Ophel (Old Test., 1885, 100). The City-of-David-question is really as clear as noon, and as easy as A, B, C, until Josephus' guesses at truth are weakly taken to be truth.

For critics in search of the true position of the City of David and Acre, it seems indeed an odd device to disregard entirely the Old Testament and to go to Josephus for its City of David, and to modern theorists for his Acre; instead of going to him for his Acre, and to it for its City of David. My topographical opponents are welcome to confide in Josephus or not, as they like; but it is nothing less than infatuation to believe him when he contradicts the Old Testament, writing of what he may have heard, read or thought, but certainly had not seen, and then to disbelieve him when he writes of what he had actually seen.

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ERRATA.

October, 1887.—Page 210, line 9, for Tibnite, read Tabnite.
Page 210, line 15, for Dodorus, read Diodorus.
Page 213, line 37, for 6 in plan, read 4 in plan.
Pages 217, 218, for rock level 2411'6, read 2511'8.
" 2412' read 2512.
" 2414' read 2514.
" 2415' read 2515.
Page 239, line 24, for Disopolis, read Diospolis.
Page 240, line 14 from bottom, for Atakak, read Ataka.
Page 240, line 4 from bottom, for then, read there.
ERRATA.

October, 1887.—Page 241, top line, for sau, read san.

" " Page 241, line 24 from top, for Gen. 33, 37, read 17.

" " Page 241, line 31 from top, for Mirian read Hiram.

" " Page 241, line 31 from top, for 45 read 46.

" " Page 241, line 6 from bottom, for 20 read 30.

" " Page 242, line 13 from bottom, for Jabel read Jebel.

" " Page 243, line 6 from top, for Pita, read Piha.

" " Page 243, line 21 from top, for Pe, read Pi.

" " Page 244, line 2 from bottom, for Clyoma, read Clysma.

" " Page 245, line 18 from top, for xv, read xiv.

" " Page 245, line 4 from bottom, for 12, read 11.

January, 1888.—In the list of subscriptions, for C. White, read Edward White.

" " Page 22, line 7, for Waly Rephaim, read Wady Rephaim,

" " " " Bettis " " " " Bititr.

" " " " Iswain " " " " Ismā’in.

" " " " Sarar " " " " Sārār.

" " line 8, for Arlouf " " " " ‘Artūf.

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