To SEARCH MT. SINAI for ORIGINAL GOSPEL

Monastery of St Catherine

Spot on Which Moses Read Ten Commandments

NEXT to the Holy Land the most interesting region in the world to Biblical scholars is the Sinaitic peninsula. In one respect it is even more interesting than the Holy Land, for the wealth of relics and manuscripts which it contains has hardly been touched by modern investigators.

An important movement has now been started by the universities, scholars and religious leaders of England to conduct a thorough search of the Monastery of St. Catherine, on Mount Sinai, where it is believed that the oldest existing Bible manuscripts are to be found.

Discoveries already made indicate with practical certainty that these manuscripts must be there, but for peculiar reasons very little progress has been made in searching for them. During the years 1844, 1853 and 1859 the German scholar Tischendorf spent much time exploring the monastery library.

The monks were then very simple and hospitable and quite unfamiliar with the ways of the outside world. They allowed Tischendorf to do as he pleased in the library. He used this liberty with stupendously profitable results to himself. He discovered the oldest known Greek manuscript of the Bible, now known as the "Codex Sinaiticus." By some scholars it is dated as early as the fourth century, and in that case it is the oldest practically complete manuscript of the Bible. It consists of most of the Old Testament, all the New Testament and "the Epistle of Barnabas."

This wonderful collection of manuscripts Tischendorf carried away without saying a word to the monks. There are doubtless collectors today who would give $1,000,000 for these manuscripts. When the monks slowly realized that they had been robbed of one of the most precious possessions in the religious world, they became very angry, and their anger lasted a long time.

For years travelers who visited the out-of-the-world monastery reported that the monks were surly and inhospitable, and would not afford a reasonable opportunity for an examination of their treasures. Many of these visitors reported that the monks were abusing their manuscripts in a deplorable manner, using them as stands for cooking utensils and flower pots.

Finally, in 1894, two brilliant Englishwomen—Mrs. Smith Lewis and Mrs. Gibson—succeeded in winning the confidence of the monks and secured permission to make an examination of the library. Their search was richly rewarded, for they discovered a fourth century palimpsest manuscript of St. Paul's Gospel in Syriac. This is probably the oldest known Bible manuscript, for the Tischendorf Codex, even allowing it the oldest date mentioned, would barely equal it.

Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Gibson found that in order to put the library in thorough order and reveal even superficially all that it contained would require the labors of a considerable staff of trained workers. Although the monks gave facilities to the two women, they were not willing to admit any considerable body of investigators to the monastery in view of their bitter experience of earlier years.

The present movement aims to overcome the objections of the monks in a friendly manner. The Sinaitic Peninsula is now in Egyptian territory. When the necessary funds have been collected the assistance of the Egyptian authorities will be sought in carrying on negotiations with the monks.

Among the most precious manuscripts believed to be in the monastery is the original of the Gospel of St. Luke in the handwriting of the apostle himself. This would be incomparably the most important Bible manuscript ever discovered. The Syriac copy of St. Luke's gospel found by the two English women and at present constituting the oldest known Bible manuscript contains evidence that it was translated from a Greek original in the library.

Scholars hold that the original Gospel of St. Luke was in Greek. The apostle was a physician of Greek descent, and his gospel gives evidence of scholarly attainments. Early chronicles state that the manuscripts of St. Luke's gospel was one of the treasures given to the monastery by the Emperor Justinian in 527 A. D. The building contains numerous representations of the apostle writing his gospel, and these appear to have a close association with the foundation of the establishment.

The library is known to contain about 500 ancient volumes filled with manuscripts in Greek, Arabic, Syriac and other languages. As one of these great volumes may contain hundreds of manuscripts, the wealth of the library can only be guessed at. Among its curiosities is a very ancient complete manuscript of the Psalms, written on its leaves in microscopic writing.

This monastery is the oldest continuously inhabited building in the world. It was founded by Justinian in about 527 A. D., and has been occupied ever since. It is surrounded by walls 30 feet high, and defended by cannon, for it was cut off from the civilized world for centuries. Until recently everybody who entered was hoisted by a rope over these walls.

The earth on which the vegetables of the monastery are grown was brought from the Holy Land, for there is no soil in the vicinity. In the first few centuries of the Christian church the Sinaitic Peninsula was the refuge of many Christians fleeing from the Roman persecution. Then the church triumphed and for centuries after the founding of the monastery it was honored by gifts from emperors and kings.

Then came the Mohammedan outbreak. During the centuries when the followers of the Prophet overran the eastern world this little spot held out for Christianity.

The convent stands at the foot of the mountain called Jabal Musa, which, according to many authorities, is the actual mountain where the Ten Commandments were committed to Moses by the Lord. The site of the monastery, according to this theory, is the spot where Moses delivered the Commandments to the children of Israel. This is a disputed question, but there is little doubt that it is an important site, for the natives in all ages have revered it.

Here passed the children of Israel during their 40 years' wandering on their way from Egypt to the Holy Land. Here occurred the many miracles and wonderful events of the Exodus—the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, the feeding of the people with manna, the miraculous production of water by Moses, the battle with the Amalekites, the appearance of the Lord on the mount, the building of the Ark, the worshipping of the golden calf, the budding of Aaron's rod, the raising of the brazen serpent by Moses and finally the death of Moses.

The Sinaitic Peninsula covers about 10,000 square miles, and there was plenty of room for the 40 years' wandering. The traveler who sees the land today can easily understand why miracles were necessary to keep the children of Israel alive. It is an exceedingly barren wilderness, largely composed of rocks. It only maintains a handful of natives, and it is believed that the number has hardly changed since prehistoric times. Though barren, the land is very picturesque, and the red mountains rising abruptly into the clear sky are wonderful.

Nearly all the sites mentioned in Exodus and the other books of the Old Testament are identified by the monks and by local traditions. There is a peak called Jabal Raseas-Safsaf, which is said to be the exact spot from which Moses witnessed the worshipping of the golden calf by the children of Israel. It is a small peak, giving an excellent view of a large plain, which might very well have been the place where the Israelites indulged in their idolatrous festivities, as described in Exodus:

"And it came to pass as soon as he came nigh unto the camp that he saw the calf and the dancing; and Moses's anger waxed hot, and he cast the the tables out of his hands and brake them beneath the mount.

"And he took the calf which they had made and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it."

The peak where Moses is reputed to have witnessed this scene is part of the same group where the leader of the chosen people received the Ten Commandments from heaven. The local traditions assigning sites for all these ancient occurrences seem very reasonable.

DOUBLE VISION.

Police Magistrate—Hovn't Oi seen yez here twice befure?

Prisoner—Only onct, yer ahner, an' that was last Patrick's day.

Police Magistrate—St. Patrick's day, was ut? Wull, thot explains ut. Oi must av seen two of yes.—Puck.

UNPROFESSIONAL.

Powers—I'm sorry you lost your lawsuit.

Bowers—Well, I ought to have known that my attorney was no good.

Powers—Why?

Bowers—The very first time the case was called he told the judge he was ready to go on.—Puck.

ALL AT WORK.

"All of a sudden you don't seem to hear anything more about futurists. I wonder what has happened?"

"Wait till the whitewashing season is over. Take it from me, they'll bob up into prominence again."

A LADIES' MAN.

"A bomb."

"Put it in water," said the chief of police.

"A suffragette bomb."

"Put it in Florida water. Ah, the dear girls."

BEST PRINT FOR THE EYES

Point That Is of Much Importance and Is Not Given Proper Consideration.

According to the report of a committee of English physicians, who have just completed an investigation of the subject, the poor quality of the print used in many of the books and magazines children read is causing serious injury every day to an alarmingly large number of eyes.

After making a careful study of the various styles of type and their effect upon the vision, the committee declares that no child should be allowed to make a practice of reading any printed matter unless each letter is clean cut and well defined. Very condensed or compressed type was found to be very harmful, for breadth is even more important than height in lessening the strain upon the eyes.

The contrast between the finer and the heavier strokes of the letters should not be too great on account of the difficulty of seeing the hair strokes. On the other hand, a very heavy faced type suffers in legibility through diminution of the white interspaces, example, when the space in the upper half of the c is reduced to a white dot.

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According to Orders.

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"Standing on my head," replied Johnnie. "Didn't yer tell me to play at summat that wouldn't wear my boots out?"

ERUPTION SPREAD ON FACE

810 East Elm St., Streator, Ill.—"A running sore broke out above my right eye, which spread over my entire face. It started as a small pimple. I scratched it open and the contents of this small pimple ran down my face. Wherever this ran a new sore appeared. They itched and burned terribly. I couldn't touch my face it burned so. It disfigured my face terribly and I couldn't be seen for everyone was afraid of it. It looked like a disease of some kind; it was all red and a heavy white crust on it. Everybody kept out of my way, afraid it would spread. I lost rest at night and I couldn't bear to have anything touch my face, not even the pillow. I had to lie on the back of the head. I was always glad when morning came so I could get up. It was extremely painful.

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Short of Winning a Battle.

Short of winning a battle, nothing could have more delighted the Kaiser than the news that of all the ten various liners which hastened to the help of the Volturno, the largest number of its passengers were saved by the Grosser Kurfurst (or Great Elector). But the name will have recalled to him the greatest disaster that ever befell the nascent German navy. This was the ramming of the ironclad Grosser Kurfurst by the Koenig Wilhelm off Folkestone in May, 1878, and the sinking of the vessel with a loss of 280 lives—the rest of its crew of 875 being picked up by the Folkestone fishing fleet. Two days later, when suffering acutely from this catastrophe, the old emperor was shot at and wounded by the Socialist Dr. Nolling.—London Chronicle.

Beechnut Season.

This is the beechnut season, and when beechnuts are ripe no city man bred in the country knows perfect peace of mind. He wants to go back home. The beechnut is diminutive, but it is full of meat and flavor. Some folks say that the jay bird and the red-headed woodpecker haven't any sense. They have sense enough to prefer the beechnut to any other edible which grows. The jay is more than human, anyway, and he has a lot more sense than a good many humans, and so the wonder constantly grows why it is that the man who is not up to snuff is called a jay. The beech tree does more for man than to give him its nut-brown October offering. Its gray pole shines warmly when the sun strikes it. Its sight suggests warmth in winter and coolness in summer. The shade of the beech's drooping boughs is one of the grateful bounties of August.—Chicago Post.

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"Beg pardon, but where is the sea?"

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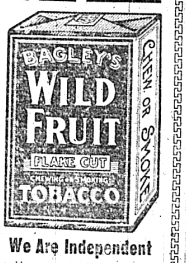

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