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ARAB ENCAMPMENT.

ON the 25th of May, 1874, Dr. Ridgaway and his companions in travel rode out of Jerusalem on their journey to Northern Palestine. Reining up their horses on the highest point of the hill Scopus, where the army of Titus encamped, they took their last lingering look at the Holy City. There rose its gray and venerable crenelated walls, the twin domes of

the Holy Sepulchre, the vast and beautiful dome of the Mosque of Omar, and the massive masonry and elegant minaret of the traditionary tower of Antonia, now a Turkish fortress.

After gazing wistfully on the scene, one of the most thrilling in the world, they rode northward to Samaria and Galilee. Bethel, the scene of Jacob's vision and vow; Shiloh, the resting-place of the ark and scene of the death of Eli; and Sychar, with Jacob's well, in turn stirred their devout recollections. The well