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east corner to come at the opening in the sarcophagus below.

The general condition of the block forming this *Kebr Huran* is good; some of them, however, are cracked in two, and many of them have their corners defaced; one of them on the north side is badly shattered. The material is the hard limestone of the country; no doubt each block was taken for some of the numerous stone-cuttings so plainly visible on the east and west of the monument. All around are strewn fragments of pillars, squared stones, stone sarcophagi, and other relics of the most ancient date. A large patch of Mosaic pavement was lately discovered about twenty rods south of the monument, and I found two considerable patches of the same lying in good preservation within a couple of miles west of it.

Nowhere have I discovered a relic of antiquity at all resembling this, save at a point some nine miles south of Jibnin,

on the road from that romantic eyry to Salir, and quite near the village of Yaron. Here is "a very large sarcophagus lying in utter loneliness," as Dr. Robinson describes it in "Biblical Researches," "the lid two feet thick, the upper side slanted like a double roof, the ends resembling a pediment." But there is another object two hundred yards west of that which Robinson did not see, and which was better calculated to remind him of Hiram's tomb than this. It is a sarcophagus cut from a rock never removed from its natural position. It is as if the artist, in a spirit of sublime boldness, selected a large commanding stone rooted at the earth's very centre, and, squaring off its top, chiselled out a coffin, placed his dead therein, shaped a fitting lid, and left his hero "alone in his glory," confident that through all time the living would respect the dead.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Our friends who have so kindly furnished us with communications for the ROSE, but which communications have not yet appeared in our columns, will please excuse us for this apparent neglect. Although late, they will all appear in due time. We have been from home, and since our return to Bridgewater we are

detained from the office by sickness in our family. We are now making arrangements to have a special office of our own in St. John, so that when not there ourselves, we will leave a faithful person to represent us. We will always have great pleasure to hear from our correspondents, as will also our readers.

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