

many of those pictures because while there are such few columns, it was proven by Professor Andrey of the University of Berlin that most of those columns that are found in Palestine are actually there to support the second story of the houses, and have nothing to do with any ancient religions at all. But this one isolated column which they found there in ~~the~~ this trench. This isolated column ~~had~~ had a very peculiar feature to it, about three feet from the ground, there was a ~~whole~~ hole through the side of the column, obliquely from one side over to the other about an inch or an inch and a half from the edge of the column this hole ran across from one side to the other. And they tried to explain what would be the meaning of this ~~w~~ hole across --this horizontal hole there across this column. Now it couldn't be that this was an ancient altar and that that was to let the blood out from the sacrifice, because it was much too high ~~k~~ for an altar, and this was level anyway, it didn't reach the top. What could ~~k~~ be the meaning of this ~~w~~ hole across there? Well, no satisfactory answer was found, and it remained for many years an unanswered problem. Then in 1926 the ~~University of~~ Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago with funds supplied by J.D. Rockefeller, Jr. purchased the whole hill of Megiddo. Megiddo was a large hill. It was quite an investment to buy the whole hill but it was such a large ancient town that they figured it was worth putting in many years of excavation there. And so they bought the whole hill and on they put up a number of buildings for headquarters for an investigation and excavation that should ~~ex~~ continue for many years. It was very well equipped. I went through it in 1929. They had there the photography section, the drafting section, and all the different sections for making a very ~~the~~ thorough study for everything that they could find on the hill. And they set to work to go right down inch by inch and examine everything tht they could