

~~charge of~~ the matter , and gives permits to excavate to anyone showing evidence of sufficient knowledge and skill to do the work right and of sufficient funds to complete the task which they ~~decide~~<sup>SLIP</sup> to undertake. The matter is on a scientific basis instead of a purely arbitrary one as under the Turks. With this feature we shall deal at length later in the course.

The British have put a railroad through from Egypt <sup>to</sup> of Palestine as we have already mentioned and have graded most of the roads of the country so that the most important method of transportation along the main roads is now by auto. A person desiring to go from almost any city of Palestine to another city, goes to a garage and inquires when an automobile will start for the other city. There is nearly always a driver at hand who is renting places in his car at a certain fixed charge. Rates are now established by custom between almost any places along the main routes of Palestine and almost any other place, so that one who has been in the country any length of time knows just what he will have to spend. Of course a new comer who doesn't know the rates is almost certain to be charged two or three times as much.

I have already in a previous class discussed the comparison between a Jewish country village and an Arab country village.

In mentioning the condition of Palestine today, one should notice the many Roman and Greek Catholic monasteries which are found at many places in the land. The inhabitants of these ~~are~~<sup>ts</sup> usually very friendly and in some parts of the country provide the only good accommodation to travellers. Nearly all the sacred places of Palestine are under control of some religious group or other, some Moslems <sup>under</sup> and many under various Christian sects. The Powers have agreed that no change shall be made in the existing situation in this line.

We have now ~~glanced~~<sup>W</sup> hastily at the outstanding features of Palestine proper and noticed its relationship to the neighboring regions. I hope every member of the class will ~~review~~<sup>X</sup> carefully the work we have gone over to this point as it will be fundamental to the other parts of the course. We shall now take up our second main section, An examination of the history of Exploration in Palestine and of the principles of archaeology as applied there.