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 Questioned — Mr. Schnack
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[J. M. Schnack, well-known Hono-
 lulan, is on the coast of world-traveler
 during which he has made a long vis-
 it to the Holy Land. He has written
 for the Star-Bulletin an extremely in-
 teresting account of what he has seen.
 His letters will be published in two
 parts, of which Part I, is printed be-
 low.]

PART I.
 Jerusalem, Palestine, Jan. 3, 1914.
 Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
 Sir:—To fill some spare time I have,
 I write you these few lines from Jeru-
 salem; and I hope they will prove
 of interest to your subscribers.

By far the most important place in
 the Holy Lands, where I have the
 pleasure to travel at the present time,
 is without any contradiction the city
 of Jerusalem, less on account its great
 antiquity and remarkable history than
 because of its association with
 Christianity.

But if anyone imagines Jerusalem
 to be an up to date modern city, he
 will be surprised to learn, that it has
 no tramways, no electric light or gas
 plant, nor even a telephone system,
 and what is worse than all, no water
 works. Outside a few ancient wells,
 worked by hand in the old-fashioned
 way, the people here have absolutely
 no water but what they catch in cisterns
 from the roofs of their houses
 during the short rainy season of three
 to four months. A 4 inch main, however,
 laying bare outside of the city walls
 near Jaffa gate, carries water from
 the pools of Solomon between Bethle-
 hem and Hebron, a distance of about
 8 miles, for the exclusive use and supply
 of the Turkish government and
 garrison-stationed here.

The once well known brook of Kidron,
 spoken of in the Scriptures has
 ceased to exist, its bed is dry and is
 used as a vegetable garden. It is
 therefore no wonder that the people
 always were and are dirty here, and
 seldom, if ever, bath.

Jerusalem is estimated to have a
 population of about 50,000, and is di-
 vided into 6 districts, each one nam-
 ed after the class of people inhabit-
 ing it. The streets of the holy city
 have with the exception of David
 Juffa, Christian street and Vin Ooloo-
 rosa, no names, and all of them are,
 excepting David and Juffa streets,
 crooked, narrow and badly paved, if
 so at all, and like all thoroughfares in
 Turkish cities I have seen, exceed-
 ingly dirty, ill-smelling, and in the
 rainy season almost impassable. How-
 ever, being built on high grounds,
 about 2500 feet above sea-level, the
 climate here is fairly healthy, and in
 summer delightful, but cool enough
 during the rainy season in winter to
 warrant warm underwear and a good
 overcoat and even fur.

Outside of the walled city there
 are some fine buildings and houses,
 occupied mostly by foreigners doing
 business in the city.

The first attention of the travelers
 coming here is generally given to ei-
 ther Morish hill or the Church of the
 Holy Sepulchre. Both places would
 be of equal interest, and importance,
 provided there were positive proofs as
 to their identity and that they really
 are what they are claimed to be.

One is almost certain that Morish
 hill is the location of the former great
 Jewish temple, because the topograp-
 hy of a mountainous country is not
 easily changed. But no such proofs
 can be furnished in favor of the
 present site of the Holy Tomb and
 Golgotha, accepted (but not by every-
 body) as the true spot on which Christ
 suffered death, and was laid to rest,
 and this circumstance diminishes the
 interest the place would otherwise
 have.

The same uncertainty exists in re-
 gard to many other places, which are
 shown and accepted as sites of events
 and occurrences in connection with
 the life of Jesus and other matters, not
 alone in Jerusalem but all over Pale-
 stine. However, not being a scientist
 or an anthropologist, it would be waste
 of spare and time to express my op-
 inions regarding them. Therefore rest
 intending to fill an issue of your pa-
 per, I shall confine my remarks to
 just a few of the most important and
 interesting places I have visited.

Morish hill is undoubtedly the center
 of interest in Jerusalem. It is an
 elevated walled plateau of 33 acres in
 area, made accessible by 8 gates. The
 principal one, mostly used is the "cot-
 ton gate" reached through a very
 long, ugly looking, vaulted passage,
 about 12 feet wide, lined on both
 sides with narrow stalls, used in ear-
 lier days, before they were abandon-
 ed and became the dumping grounds
 of rubbish and dirt, by cotton goods
 merchants, and hence the name. Bit
 at the time of Emperor William's vis-
 it, a few years ago, the Turkish au-
 thorities, ashamed of existing condi-
 tions, ordered them all closed, as the
 best and cheapest way to hide from his
 (the emperor's) view the accumulated
 filth and dirt contained in them, and
 they have remained so ever since.

Outside of the Mosque "el Askar,"
 situated at the southwest corner, and
 the large Mosque of Omar, built on
 what was formerly the site of the
 great Jewish temple, it is entirely
 bare.

The Mosque of Omar is a large octo-
 gonal-shaped stone building, the in-
 terior of which is finished in beauti-
 ful artistic mosaic style but contains
 nothing but a large natural bare rock,
 about 40 feet in diameter, visible
 through the high, iron lattice work
 enclosing it, but not accessible. It is
 the summit of Mount Morish and
 said to be the spot on which the
 Holy Altar of the great temple once
 stood, and where Abraham was com-
 manded by the Lord to build an altar,
 and sacrifice his son Isaac, and is
 therefore held in high reverence by
 all, even the Moslems.

A large empty cave underneath this
 "Sacred Rock" is supposed to hide be-
 low its stone foundation the treasure
 of King Solomon, estimated at \$40,-

000,000 sterling. It was the secret
 search after this supposed treasure
 by Parker and Wilson, two English-
 men (who had an understanding with
 the Turkish government and bribed
 the guardian of the Mosque) that
 caused a great disturbance amongst
 the Moslems, and came near to create
 here a massacre of the Christian popu-
 lation a few years ago.

On the outside wall, west of el Ak-
 sar mosque, is the washing place,
 where the Jewish people, men, wo-
 men and children, gather every Fri-
 day afternoon for repentance and
 prayer to Jehovah to restore to them
 their kingdom and the holy temple
 grounds. It is a sad sight to look
 upon this distressing scene. Though
 permitted to do so no Jew will ever
 voluntarily enter the temple area for
 fear of unknowingly defiling by his
 presence the holy site, (which is not
 exactly known) and thereby commit
 a grave, almost unpardonable sin.

On Mount Zion side in the entrance
 southwest corner of Mount Moriah,
 about 40 feet below the surface, made
 accessible by a flight of stairs, are the
 excavated stables of Solomon, used
 by the crusaders, and said to hold
 30,000 horses, but in my estimation no
 more than about 3000.

Near St. Stephen's Gate, just out-
 side of the temple area, is the "Pool
 of Bethesda," where Jesus healed the
 lame one, who was unable to enter the
 pool, and a little from it the basilica
 of Santa Lima, indicating the site on
 which the house of the "Virgin's" pa-
 rents stood.

A short distance from St. Stephen's
 Gate beyond a bridge, leading over
 the gulch, or valley of Kidron, at the
 foot of the Mount of Olives, is the
 historical garden of Gethsemane, a
 very small, well kept square, surround-
 ed by a high wall. Within are a few
 very old olive trees, said, by the
 monks in charge, to have grown from
 the roots of the identical trees, grow-
 ing there during the time of Christ.

Returning to the walled city through
 the aforementioned gate of St. Ste-
 phen's, not far from the Pool of Be-
 thesda, in the Via Dolorosa, is shown
 the site of the former palace of Pilate,
 now covered by a chapel, and still a
 little further along in the same street,
 the traditional rich man's house and
 the place where poor old Lazarus used
 to sleep on a big stone in a cold stone
 corner, a hard resting place, indeed.

In the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
 everything is so mixed and congested,
 that a little sound reasoning will con-
 demn the whole of it as an imposi-
 tion. There are seen within a radius of
 of about 100 to 125 feet, a dozen and
 more things, having little or no con-
 nection with one another. Entering
 the church one sees, fronting the
 door, about 30 feet inside of the
 "Stone of Uction," where Jesus' body
 was laid, after being taken from the
 cross and where it was prepared for
 the tomb. On the right is the Mount
 Calvary or Golgotha, and the left,
 somewhat further towards the center
 of the church, the real "Tomb, or Holy
 Sepulchre" (enclosed in a beautiful
 shrine of marble and other costly ma-
 terial).

The "Tomb" is separated from the
 "Chapel of the Angel," a kind of ante-
 chamber, also of fine workmanship,
 and costly material, by a door through
 a thick, solid rock, a side of the sepul-
 chre.

The sepulchre itself is a small, plain
 room in dimensions of about 5x8 feet,
 containing nothing but a large, coffin-
 like stone box with a stone cover over
 it, which is said to be the real sacro-
 phagus in which Christ was laid to
 rest; it is regarded with the greatest
 reverence, and kissed by all devout
 Christians who enter. In the rear of
 the Holy Sepulchre in a large rock
 cave are the tombs of Arimathea and
 Nicodemus, and in front of it, about
 20 feet away, in the Greek orthodox
 chapel, a large, round stone, with a
 Greek cross on its surface, marking
 the center of the world, is shown. On
 the left side of the Greek chapel is
 the Column of Flagellation; the prison
 of Christ and the spot where Peter
 denied the Lord, besides many other
 things, all immortalized in an ostenta-
 tious manner by shrines and altars of
 costly construction. How all these
 things could have happened in such a
 small space is very mystifying to me,
 and I believe to most people who can see,
 reason and think.

A short distance out of Jaffa gate
 on a small hill opposite Mount Zion,
 is shown the field of blood, so-called
 because it was bought with the money
 received by Judas for his betrayal of
 the Lord, to be used, as the Scripture
 says, as a burial place for poor stran-
 gers. It is now owned by a convent,
 in which are a number of open stone
 vaults filled with human bones.

On Mount Zion, once covered with
 stately buildings and the spacious,
 magnificent palaces of the mighty
 kings of Israel, nothing is left to re-
 mind the traveler of its former glory.
 Besides the Citadel, the House of
 Santa Anna (the high priest before
 whom Jesus appeared after his ar-
 rest), the Tower of David and his
 tomb among those of many other late
 Jewish kings, marked by an imposing
 monument, called the "Tomb of Da-
 vid," nearly all dating from the time
 of the crusaders, who have left signs
 of their invasion all over Palestine,
 there is only the beautiful German
 Catholic cathedral, yet in construc-
 tion, that is worth a visit.

On account of the Floral and Lan-
 tern Parades on Saturday the train
 scheduled to leave Honolulu at 3:20
 p. m. will not leave until 4 p. m. An
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 tions will leave Honolulu at 3 p. m.—
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SOCIETY

Mrs. Frank Batchelor entertained
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 very soon for the mainland where she
 will be married. Among the guests
 were Miss Ethel Carter, Mrs. A. O.
 Linneman, Mrs. R. Moore, Mrs. J. Bel-
 ser, Mrs. F. Clegoarn, Mrs. J. L. Whit-
 more, Mrs. F. D. Chandler, Miss Tokio
 McInerney and others.

Local friends are in receipt of in-
 vitations to the wedding of Miss Ruth
 Hutchinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
 Eli Hutchinson of Ygnacio valley, and
 Martin William Joost of this city. The
 wedding took place at the home of
 John Scott Wilson, the retired cap-
 italist, at 3634 Washington street, on
 February 16 at 7:30 p. m. The young
 couple left the following day for
 Honolulu.—Martinez Standard.

Next Thursday (the 26th) will be
 the date for the last of the army re-
 lief bridge parties at the Young hotel.
 An unusually fine musical program
 will be rendered on that day during
 the tea—this having been a feature
 of all the bridge parties. In the receiv-
 ing line and pouring tea will be Mrs.
 J. B. Reinters, Mrs. George Hicks,
 Mrs. Bert Huntington, Mrs. Francis
 Hinkle and Mrs. Norris Stayton.

The younger folk of Honolulu were
 very regretful over the departure of
 Mrs. G. M. Lear and her charming
 young daughter who have taken such
 an active part in the gay doings of
 the social world during the past few
 months. Mrs. and Miss Lear have
 been domiciled at the Pleasanton for
 the winter and during their visit have
 made many friends in the islands.
 They sailed on the Mongolia this week.

Mrs. Pisk, formerly Miss Clotilde
 Grunsky of Stockton, is giving a fare-
 well tea this week in honor of
 Mrs. H. E. Banham, who is leaving
 soon to make her home in Honolulu.
 Mrs. Banham was formerly Miss Flo-
 ence Bugbee of Stockton. Her hus-
 band, Rev. R. E. Banham, once sec-
 retary of the local Young Men's Chris-
 tian Association, died last fall in So-
 nomo county, and Mrs. Banham will
 make her home near his three grown
 children, two daughters and a son, all
 of whom are settled in the Hawaiian
 city.—Stockton Independent.

Arrivals of interest to service folk
 this week are Colonel and Mrs. W. E.
 Ellis, who will be stationed at Fort
 Ruger, Colonel Ellis being detailed to
 the place now held by Major E. J.
 Timberlake. Until the departure of
 the Timberlakes on the March trans-
 port, Colonel and Mrs. Ellis will oc-
 cupy quarters at Fort de Russy, after
 which they will move to Fort Ruger.
 Mrs. Ellis was in the receiving line
 on Thursday afternoon at the Army
 Relief bridge party. Both Colonel and
 Mrs. Ellis are great favorites with
 service people and will no doubt be
 popular additions to our local smart
 set.

Mrs. Sarah Newcomb received a few
 friends on Monday evening to view
 the Punchbowl eruption from her lan-
 ai at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.
 Music whiled away the hour before
 the spectacle and refreshments were
 served later. Among those who ren-
 dered delightful numbers were Prof.
 and Mrs. A. B. Ingalls and Mrs. Wal-
 ter Kendall. Those present were Ad-
 miral and Mrs. C. B. T. Moore, Gen-
 eral and Mrs. M. M. Macomb, Col. and
 Mrs. F. H. French, Mrs. O'Brien, Miss
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 Mrs. J. B. Macdonald, Miss Lila Mac-
 donald, Major Julian Penn, Mrs. Wal-
 ter Frear, Mrs. E. M. Watson, Mrs.
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