

We came on horseback from Jerusalem up through Palestine and we saw ~~many~~ a marked difference people as soon as we got into Phoenicia. In Palestine there the Arabs were very largely people who had never been away from the area in which they lived. The minute we got into Phoenicia, ancient Phoenicia, modern Lebanon, we began to meet people immediately who had traveled. I remember going into a little town there ~~and~~ on horseback and seeing a man there and I asked him a question in English and he answered me in English. As he spoke he was a man dressed in Arab costume, a man engaged in the type of work the men would be doing there, but as we talked I saw that he talked ~~with~~ English with a good American accent. I didn't see how anybody could learn it there. So I asked him. I said, "Where did you learn your English?"

"Oh," he said, "I was <sup>20</sup> ~~many~~ years in Lansing, Michigan." He said, "My name is Mohammad Humba, but over there they call me Sam Kelley." I believe that day ~~that~~ I met a dozen people who had lived anywhere from five to twenty years in different parts of ~~North~~ or South America, just about as many who had been in South America as in North America. ~~Was~~ One had been in California, one had been in Canyon City, Colorado, one had been in Texas I believe--different parts of this country and of South America. So Phoenicia is still a land from which people just naturally go out and get contact with other sections of the world. In those days ~~they~~ Phoenicia although not a large region was a region of wealth and influence and of great international and cosmopolitan culture. Tyre and Sidon, two of the great cities of Phoenicia, the three most important cities of which you should be familiar are Tyre and Sidon and Biblos. Tyre and Sidon are familiar to almost everyone who knows anything about ancient history or ancient mythology. Biblos, further to the north, is much less known although it should not be less known because the name of that town the word Bible is derived. But those are the three most important cities in Phoenicia and Tyre and Sidon at this time were joined together in one kingdom so the king of Tyre is also called the king of the Sidonians at this time. And Omri saw an opportunity to advance