

somewhat different type, evidently written a century or more later. No one knew where they came from, and it was thought to be of great importance to determine this. One of the archeologists, who was particularly skilled in Bedouin psychology, determined to discover their source. When a particularly fine manuscript was offered him, he declared that the price was much too high. The Arabs replied that if he realized the effort ~~which~~ it took to get it, he would think the price was very low. He expressed great skepticism, and they became more and more emphatic and forceful in their description of the difficulties involved. They described long marches through hot and sterile country, and great caves in which fifty men had dug for days on end, before the manuscript was found. Finally they ~~agreed~~^{declared} that they would prove it to him by taking him to the spot. He agreed to go and suggested that he get permission from the police, so that neither he nor they would risk arrest. He even suggested that the official Director of Antiquities be taken along. To his surprise they agreed. They led him through very rough and wild country to a place twelve miles away from the Qumran area, in a steep ravine six hundred feet in depth. As they came up the ravine, they counted thirty-four Arabs fleeing from a cave high up on a hill, warned by the lookouts on watch for the police. They climbed two-thirds of the way up the steep side