To the Editors of the Annals of Natural History.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to forward for insertion in your 'Annals,' should you consider the communication of sufficient interest, a list of Mollusca found in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem, all of which I have at various times received direct from a correspondent and resident in that city. To those interested in the distribution of the Mollusca the information may be acceptable.

Helix spiriplana, Olivier.  
— Cesareaea, Parreys.  
— cavata, Mousson.  
— candidissima, Drap.  
— Steetzenii, Koch.  
— striata, Drap.  
— Boissieri, Charpentier.  
— figulina, Parreys.  
— variabilis, and var., Drap.  
— fimbriata, Bourg.

Helix Syriaca, Ehrenb.  
— Jebusitica, Roth.  
— tuberculosa, Conrad.  
— sancta, Bourg.  
— Erdelii, Roth.  
— Hierosolymitana, Bourg.  
— Carthusianella, Drap.  
— hierochantica, Roth.  
— aspersa.

Ceesareana, Parreys.  
—— Jebusitica, Roth.  
— cavata, Mousson.  
—— sancta, Bourq.  
— candidissima, Drap.  
—— Erdelii, Roth.  
— tuberculosa, 'Conrad.  
— candidissima, Drap.  
—— Hierosolymitana, Bourg.  
— striata, Drap.  
—— Carthusianella, Drap.  
—— striata, Drap.  
— striata, Drap.  
—— hierochantica, Roth.  
— striata, Drap.  
— striata, Drap.  

—together with a few other species I have not been able to identify.

Bulimus labrosus, Olivier.  
— attenuatus, Mousson.  
— septemdentatus, Roth.  
— Aleppinus, Pfeiffer.  
— Sidoniensis, Férussac.  
— mucifragus, Parreys.  
— Sauliei, Bourg.  

Melanopsis costata, Olivier.  
— Lake of Tiberias.  
— melanopsida, Möller.  
— Ditto.  
— Clausilia moesta, Fér.  
— Pupa Rhodia, Roth.  
— Cacclianella tumulorum.  
— Tornatellina Hierosolymorum, Roth.  
— Neritina Michonii, Bourg.  
— Jordanii, Butler.  

Cyclostoma Olivieri, ?  
—— Jordani, Butler.  

Melanopsis prærosa, Lam.  
— Engedi.  

—I would also observe that I have on former occasions received specimens (dead shells) of Melanopsis, Neritina, &c., that were collected on the shores of the Dead Sea. As most writers on Palestine state that no living animal is to be found in that lake, I inquired of my friend whether his knowledge of the district confirmed or otherwise the generally received opinion? to which the following is his reply:—"No shells are found in the lake itself, or on its margin, except the bleached specimens of Melanopsis, Neritina, and various Unionidea, which have been washed down by the Jordan, and afterwards drifted on shore. In fact, so intense is the bitter-saline quality of its waters, that no mollusk (nor, so far as I know, any other living creature) can exist in it."

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT DAMON.

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