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Dear Professor Gökbilgin,

I am very sorry to be so slow in writing you about travel bibliography on the Druze article as I offered to. We have had twins--two girls--and I have been abnormally pressed for time.

In the bibliography to my portion of the article I have singled out for mention, as relevant to my portion, among travellers' works: Max von Oppenheim, Vom Mittelmeer zum Persischen Golf, and W. B. Seabrook, Adventures in Arabia; then I have made a general reference to (a) the bibliography in Narcisse Bouron, Les Druzes, and (b) the footnotes in Philip K. Hitti, The Origins of the Druze People and Religion (which is unfortunately of little value except for those footnotes, which give a good many interesting references). I then mentioned, as not included in either of those, three items from the bibliography in the first edition of the Encyclopedia of Islâm, and also an article by Henri Aucapitaine on Druze origins of no great value. Consequently, I have covered indirectly all those travellers writings which have come to my special attention, save for two items in the old E. I.: Lenormant and Jonquière--which you may want to include, since they are on the disturbances of mid-century.

My history stops at the withdrawal of al-Muqtanâ about 434/1042, covering, that is, the initial revolts in Syria; except for such as I have said of religious history since then, and just a few words on the general constitution of the Druze community since then. I thought of making an extra copy of my portion of the article for you, but it would have been a problem, and it would have come too late to be of any use, I expect.

Sincerely,

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