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We had tea on the roof of a hostel there over looking the valley & the distant mountains & then wandered down into the village to wait for the bus to return to Jerusalem. I was the only one who knew any Arabic & it came in very useful in dealing with the small boys who of course gathered round. they saw we had cameras & wanted their pictures taken, the lady who was acting as guide was very astonished to hear me talk to them, very few English people seem to know any arabic^{sic} here & English is

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spoken by all the taxi men & bus drivers etc much more than in Egypt. when we got back to Jerusalem it was about an hour & a half before sunset, so we shared another taxi & drove to the Mount of Olives & there we stood in the garden where Christ wept over Jerusalem. we saw the whole city spread out before us with the sun setting behind it, in the foreground was the Dome of the Rock, the famous Mosque of Omar & the temple enclosure, it was a lovely view, then we turned & looked over the other side & there we saw the Dead Sea & the Mountains of Moab. the Dead Sea is blue like the Scottish lakes & the hills all round are pink & mauve I dont^{sic} know

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When I got back to-day I found your letter of May I awaiting me.

Prof. & Lady Petrie are here, they arrived yesterday, they have been excavating in South Palestine, it was very nice to meet them again, they did not seem a bit surprised to see me, I suppose they must have heard I was coming to Palestine

<u>May 12th</u>

Yesterday afternoon I went to Jaffa. I took an Arab bus from the town here & had a lovely ride all the way to the sea, the first part of the way was very mountainous & grand, the road had a series of

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hair pin bends to get down into the valleys & the same up the other sides. the hills are cultivated in terraces like steps all up the slopes, it was 39 mies/<le>s to Jaffa & cost me only 3/– for the return journey. Jaffa itself is a dirty little Jew town, it looks picturesque from the sea shore but looses^{sic} all charm when ones^{sic} draws near, I wandered around for about an hour & then took the bus back & arrived in Jerusalem just in nice time to change before dinner.

When I came down to-day, who should I see with the Petries but Miss Murray. I knew she had been out with them this season. I was so pleased to see her. when I finished my work to-day

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a little earlier than usual I asked her if she would come for a bus ride with me to Bethlehem, she was delighted, so we walked down to the Jaffa Gate where the busses^{sic} start & off we went, there was a mixture in that bus. Arabs, Jews Greeks, Armenians & we two Europeans. When we got to Bethlehem we visited the Church of the Nativity & went down into the crypt & saw the spot where they say the manger stood when Christ was born. then we walked through the quaint narrow streets of the little town until it was time for us to take our bus back. it was a delightful outing. Tomorrow I go to the Sea of Galilee I am sharing a car with two other

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people. we shall stay the night; then they go on to Haifa & I shall return to Jerusalem, there is a bus from Tiberias to Nazareth. & from there I can get another bus to Jerusalem. so I shall return that way. it is great fun going about in the native busses^{sic}. there are rival firms. the Arab busses^{sic} and the Jew busses^{sic}. needless to say I go by the Arab bus –

Have not yet heard from Cooks^{sic} about my boat. but to-day being Sunday there is no post, the letter will probably come to-morrow when I am away.

> Love to you both Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.