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THE Stone adds little to our knowledge of the geography of Moab. It only supplies us with three or four new place names.

Of these $\text{K}\ddot{\text{R}}\ddot{\text{H}}\text{H}$, ll. 3, 21, 24, 25, was apparently a quarter of Dibon. In Heb. the word means "baldness."¹ It also occurs as a proper name in the Aramaic inscriptions at Sinai.²

Nothing is known of $\text{M}\ddot{\text{H}}\text{R}\text{TH}$, l. 14.

SRN , l. 13, of course, is distinct from the Plain of Sharon near Joppa, and it is not usually identified with the Sharon, E. of Jordan, mentioned in 1 Chron. 5¹⁶.

JEARIM , l. 21, if a proper name.

¹ Cf. p. 40.

² *L* (see p. 64), p. 365.

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The rest occur in the Old Testament, and are given in the following alphabetical list; references are given to towns occurring in Isa. 15. 16,¹ or assigned to Gad or Reuben, and to some unfamiliar names. Those assigned to Gad have G against them, and those assigned to Reuben R. The names are spelt as in EV.

The list shows, what we might have taken for granted, that the Hebrew writers were acquainted with geography of a neighbouring district, often part of Israel.

Arnon, l. 26.

Aroer, l. 26, R, Josh. 13¹⁶; G, Num. 32³⁴.

Ataroth, ll. 10 f., G, Num. 32³⁴.

Baal-meon or Beth-baal-meon, ll. 9, 30, R, Beth-baal-meon, Josh. 13¹⁷, Baal-meon, Num. 32³⁸.

Beth-bamoth, l. 27, probably = Bamoth-baal, R, Josh. 13¹⁷, and Bamoth, Num. 21¹⁹.

Beth-diblathaim, l. 30, Jer. 48²².

Bezer, l. 27, R, Josh. 20⁸.

¹ Cf. p. 40.

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- Dibon, ll. 1, 2, 21, 28, G, Num. 32³⁴ ;
R, Josh. 13¹⁷ ; Isa. 15².
Horonaim, ll. 31, 32 ; Isa. 15⁵.
Jahaz, ll. 19, 20, R, Josh. 13¹⁸ ; Isa. 15⁴.
Kerioth, l. 13, Jer. 48²⁴.
Kiriathaim, l. 10, R, Josh. 13¹⁹ ; Jer. 48²³.
Medeba, ll. 8, 30, R, Josh. 13¹⁶ ; Isa.
15².
Nebo, l. 14, R, Num. 32³⁸ ; Isa. 15².