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**A Letter from Bernard Ferguson to Anwar Nusseibeh, Scotland, 8
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Anwar Nuseibeh, Esq.,
49 Nablus Road,
East Jerusalem,
Israel.

Dear Mr. Nuseibeh.

I am travelling to Jerusalem on the 28th November, in order to represent the Church of Scotland at the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the unveiling of the Scots Church by Lord Allenby on 30th November, 1930. This will be a moving occasion for me, since I have worshipped in that Church, on and off, for 43 years.

The actual celebrations occupy only the 29th and 30th November, but I propose to stay on in Jerusalem for four or five days thereafter, chiefly in order to look up old friends, but partly also to try and get a first hand impression of what is going on. The situation is extremely depressing as viewed from here.

I will be staying, at least initially, in the Scottish Hospice, but I hope very much that you will let me come and call on you, either in Jerusalem or at Jericho, wherever you may happen to be.

My son Geordie still talks with enthusiasm of all the kindness shown towards him by Mrs. Nuseibeh and yourself. I am proud and happy to say that he is doing very well in the Civil Service in Northern Ireland, having already been promoted to an appointment within it which sounds to me remarkably responsible for such a junior official. He spent a year in London to start with; then a year in Belfast; then three months in London; and has now gone back to Belfast. He was here for the weekend; and when I told him I was about to write to you he charged me to be sure to send you both his warmest greetings.

I will be writing also to Mr. Sahhar, and I will ask him, if, after I arrive, it would be possible to go and call on Mr. Freij at Bethlehem.

I very much look forward to seeing you again.

Yours sincerely
Ballantrae

