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DR. GINSBURG, who died recently, was our greatest expert on Hebrew manuscripts. From his room in the British Museum there has for *Dr. Ginsburg.* years past flowed out a wonderful stream of learning. He became well known to others than scholars through his sensational exposure of the fraudulent Shapira Manuscript. That manuscript purported to be an authentic account of the journeyings of the children of Israel, and it was offered to the British Museum for 10,000*l.* Dr. Ginsburg found that the strips of leather on which the text was written had been cut from the lower margin of disused synagogue rolls, and that the forgers had made the Moabite Stone inscription their model. By their careful reproduction of the script, and by the grouping of the words, they had deceived many experts. Dr. Ginsburg pronounced it to be the work of some four or five Jews of Northern Europe.