existing in MS. at Berlin, to which attention was first drawn by Geiger in the ZDMG., vol. xvii, p. 723. He is mentioned by Ad (p. 108) as a benefactor (though nothing is said of his commentary) in the time of Tabiah b. Isaac the Priest, and he is also the copyist of several MSS. He belongs to about the middle of the eighteenth century; see the table, p. xlvii.

The family of Marhib is important in liturgy and also in the copying of MSS., though not so distinguished as that of Danfi. Marhib by interpretation is Mufarrij (בוקם בוקם) as appears from several epigraphs and is definitely stated by Huntington in 1695 (Epistulae, London, 1704, p. 55): (litteras) scripsit Merchib Ibn Yacob, vulgo Mopherrege, vir inter illos primarius. This Marhib b. Jacob, the earliest of the family who needs to be mentioned here, is also called simply Mufarrij almufarriji. He is the author of the two letters in 1086 and 1099 H. (=1675 and 1688 A.D.). The rest of the family are chiefly important as copyists. The latest member of the family to write liturgical compositions is Abraham b. Ishmael (b. Joseph almufarriji), who was living in 1828 (see also Notices et Extraits, xii, p. 160). It is not certain where Abdallah b. Joseph b. Jacob b. Marhib ha-marhibi fits into the genealogy.

To sum up the results of this inquiry: it appears that the composition of the liturgy may be divided into three main periods,—(1) the fourth century A.D., when Aramaic was the language used; (2) the tenth and eleventh centuries, when Aramaic had ceased to be the vernacular, but was still used in liturgy, though it had become artificial and was mixed with Hebraisms; (3) the fourteenth century and after, when Hebrew, mixed with Aramaisms, had become the liturgical language.

On the basis of this division it is possible to class most of the compositions whose authors are either unknown or cannot be dated, under one of the three periods. But not without reserve, since e.g. Abu'l-hasan ha-Ṣūrì wrote his אַלה דב (p. 70)

1902, and S. Hanover, ibid., 1904. The former puts him in the fifteenth century, and identifies him with the liturgist, knowing only the hymns published by Heidenheim. Hanover notes that Abraham mentions coffee and tobacco, and consequently puts him two centuries later.

י אומר המבני ינקב, which does not mean 'of the tribe of Jacob', but simply 'one of the sons of Jacob'. He describes himself so because his father Jacob had other sons, among them being Solomon, a great copyist (see the list of MSS. above), and Zedaqah (چلبی), ancestor of the well-known Jacob Shelaby.

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That Aramaic had ceased to be commonly understood by the eleventh century is probable on other grounds, and is made evident by the appearance, about that time, of the Arabic version of the Pentateuch in place of the Targum. No doubt Arabic became the only current language soon after the Moslem conquest of Syria in 638 A.D., while the knowledge of Aramaic, and even of Hebrew, gradually decreased with the lapse of time. We consequently find in the later compositions an increasing number of Arabic idioms and words, Hebrew (or Aramaic) words used in the Arabic sense, and even phrases adapted from the Qur'ân.²

The grammar of Samaritan Aramaic has been well treated by Petermann in his Brevis Linguae Sam. Gram. (Porta Lingg. Or., Lipsiae, &c., 1873). The following remarks, referring chiefly to the liturgical texts, are only intended to supplement his work. It must also be observed that the Aramaic forms here noted may equally well appear in Samaritan Hebrew.

Pronunciation: as the gutturals א, ה, ה, ע are not sounded and merely serve to support a vowel, they are often either omitted in writing, as מלף for מלף מלף מלף, or interchanged (א with ה, ע, ה with א, rarely with ה, ע, ה with עורן, הב for אלה אב for מלך מורן, הב for אלה אב אב for מורן, הב with עורן, הב אב א לפיד, הורן מורן, הב with עורן, הב מורה אוהריהן (commonly), אתריהן אתריהן אתריהן אתריהן (p. 14 אחוי) אחוי (p. 14 אחוי) בלעיל אום בלעיל אחוי (p. 14 אחוי) אחוי (p. 14 אחוי) בלעיל אום בלעיל אחוי (p. 14 אחוי) אחוי (p. 14 אחוי) בלעיל אום בלעיל אחוי (p. 14 אחוי) אחוי (p. 14 אחו

There is no evidence to shew the date of the Arabic versions of the earlier liturgy which are found in some MSS. That of Crii and B2 was not made by the scribe from the text before him, but was copied from an existing version, since it often translates a different reading. It sometimes gives a wrong rendering, or translates literally, using identical words, without understanding the sense.

ביע = משה דמע הבוראים , משה דמע הבוראים בינים פינים משה דתמת הנבים פינים. No doubt too the frequent וואלא אחד is of Muhammadan origin, but addition at the end of each hymn of Marqah and Amram is of course not due to the author.

for padd p. 37 3. The other begadkephath letters always have the hard sound, according to Petermann.

v is always v; v is represented by v; v and v are confused in the MSS., and sometimes v and v.

א is used as a vowel-letter, e.g. in הרכאתך, as in Arabic, or may be omitted, as ילדתה p. 14, בריתה = the covenant or creation, ואסם סד בהמן הם Sometimes ה is similarly used, as of p. 12, ובהמן p. 14, ובהאים p. 60 א. The vocalic often has the sound of \hat{e} (=) as in the (Hebrew) termination יקם and מהמן (see on vowels).

Words beginning with a consonant bearing shewa are usually pronounced with a prefixed vowel (a or e, according to Petermann also i), which is sometimes represented by \angle or \aleph , as מרבר (אַרַבּרָ) = emdebber, אנצירו or אנצירו Thus the prefixes \upbeta , \upbeta , with shewa, are pronounced ev, ed, el (hence interchanging with \upbeta and \upbeta), but \upbeta , and formative \upbeta , when followed by a labial, are pronounced with a full vowel, as \upbeta \upbeta \upbeta bamison, not evmison.

Vowel-signs, which Petermann says do not exist, are largely used in the later MSS.3 In the present text they have been carefully added in accordance with the MS. which seemed to be most accurate in using them, but, since all discritical marks may be omitted, they are not printed when their shape or position is uncertain, as it often is in careless writing. They are \angle or \bot 4 (the Arabic fath) = a or e, which may stand before or after a consonant, as ביום evyom, בשל em (with) as עמך p. 21 ', בעם אם = effata, 'הם, 'הם = -emma, -kemma (cf. Δ rab.): $\dot{-}$ printed $\dot{-}=\bar{e}$, as in בֹמל $bat\bar{e}l$, and commonly on the last syllable of (what would be in Hebrew) segholates, as שמין =nafēsh, במשם =qashēt, but the form שמין is also used: 'the Arabic damma, = u or o, as מוֹל = ko-i, אוֹל = zot. אָתְר utak=אָתְר, but אַתר ettak=אָרָא. It is sometimes written nlene as נשׁמיה. It is often confused with or indistinguishable from -, and indeed evident mistakes in the use of the vowels frequently occur.

Other signs are: the overline —, already mentioned as indicating the hard ב and ב and consonantal ז. It is also used for ' on a final letter, as בּבֹיבֹב ' הַבְּיבֹר, הַּבְּיבְיבָר, and initial ב seems to be for ב (with the Hebrew article) as distinguished from ב'= ev. Since the suffixed pronoun of the third pers. sing. masc. is pronounced with ê, as in Jewish Aramaic, הב (in him) would be be, הבט' emme, cf. הש she, but the overline may be only a differentiating mark, for elsewhere the vowel is written, as הלב ב וt is generally said to have only this differentiating use, but it is probably to be explained otherwise in most cases.

The signs ב and ב are used only with ה and v. They seem to imply something as to the quality of the guttural, perhaps that it is to be pronounced instead of being, as usual, silent; e.g. שלל (p. 258) being associated with שלעלי, שלעלי, אבער (wrongly on p. 213) with שלעלי, but שלעלי with שלעלי if so, the difference is only due to traditional pronunciation, and is not based on linguistic affinities, since we find e.g. (p. 151) שלעבר כפי שחשבה from the root

The marks of punctuation in liturgical MSS. are '; and |; rarely ':, <: and other combinations. The single point, dividing words, is omitted in the printed text; the double point, marking off hemistichs, is represented here by a single point; and |:, marking the end of a line or of a stanza, is represented by a double point. These points, however, as noted above, are not to be taken as marking pauses in the sense. They sometimes even divide a word into two parts for the sake of the rhyme.

Suffixes: דְ מֵלֵם pl. fem. for דְּרֹ, הַהְ, as עבודן p. 39 ב, doer of them (פליאחה), but דְ is often used for this, at any rate in later MSS. ליך ב הַלִּין p. 69 תבתין, ת 69 הון ב ליך to thee fem. 3rd masc. יי is found in Marqah, as מוביו דאתה 13, בעינו אפיי p. 13, מעניו אפיי blessed is he whose shield thou art, and in Nanah b. Marqah, as תבתין, מליי p. 16, unless such passages are corrupt.

¹ In transliterating Arabic, ɔ is never used, as by the Jews, for ...

² Cf. the prothetic אָ in such words as זרוע = אַורוֹע in Hebrew.

A more rudimentary system is found in N (and perhaps in V 3). Possibly the invention dates from the twelfth century, when Ibrahim ibn Faraj wrote on grammar. The signs used in N are printed in the Appendix when certain.

Generally \angle , but printed \perp in the middle of words for typographical convenience.

The 3rd pers. fem. is sometimes so written, but it is no doubt a mistake.

Demonstratives, besides the ordinary forms, are: הרן, הרן, הרן הרן, הול בינים, הול and האה a vulgar form of the same, properly fem., אלין האלין מוא this (also an adverb where, אלין whither), אלין האלין היאלין האלין האלין האלין האלין האלין האלין.

Relatives: ד. ד. וה the Hebrew texts never. A common compound is הה בים מה שאונה, also whereas, since; מה בים מה מה ההיא, ההוא ההיא. The genitive is also expressed by האון היא אונה (של and the possessive pronouns, as הדלך.

In the verb the form לְּבֶּיִא is ambiguous. It may stand either for Peal (i. e. לְּבֵילְ with prothetic מ) or Aphel, or Ithpael, &c., with the formative n assimilated.

Apocope of a weak radical may take place in the Imperative, as אם from ביד, יהב and שיש (both also probably in 3rd pers. Peal) from מכן; less often in other parts of the verb, as מדע Infinitive from מלף, ידע from אלף from יבבי or יבבי for יבבי. The transposition נבעי for יבבי is merely due to the weakness of the guttural, mentioned above.

דו the perfect the 2nd pers. sing. is מְלֵתְה or קְּטֵלְתה (בַּתְּשְׁ בַּפְּתָּה): 1st plur. in יני or יני (to be distinguished from the ptcp. with suff.): 2nd plur. יקטלתם: 3rd plur. fem. יקטלתם, 16, יפּקי p. 49. The 3rd pers. sing. future in יד, as in Syriac, is perhaps found e.g. in ישומנה p. 40.

The Imperative form אקמל (also in Hebrew) may be due to Arabic influence, or the א may be merely prothetic. Instances are אנהר, אפתה, אנהר, אפתה.

Peal and Pael are generally alike in form, and cannot always be distinguished. Aphel is regularly אקטל, less often אקטל and הקטל. As noted above, it is indistinguishable from Peal with prothetic א.

Shaphel only (?) in שכלל and שעבר p. 868.

Niphal participle occurs, and indeed Hebrew forms and words are often found where there is a quotation or reminiscence of a passage of the Pentateuch. Other forms which might be future of Niphal are probably to be explained as disguised Ithpeel, &c. (see above).

Ithpeel, Ithpael and Ittaphal are not distinguished in form,

and are noted in the glossary as Ithp.

The assimilation of the ה is regular in roots beginning with a dental, as אחרכר – אחרכר אחרכר אחרכר אחרכר אחרכר אחרכר אחרכר אחרכנש p. 56 ב. Some of these, however, may perhaps be explained otherwise. In roots beginning with t, D, or w, the usual transposition of the n takes place in Ithp., sometimes with a change of dental, as מורעק called, ptcp. Ithp. of py.

In verbs מּשֶׁבּך, מִיכֹל (mimar), מִיכֵל (mimar), מִיכֵל (have dropped the silent guttural, and the is merely a vowel-letter. Hence it is not written in forms where the vowel is a, as קט (mallef, ptep.), יחמר, להבך (mallef, ptep.).

In verbs י"ב the ' is dropped in מדע, מדע, for אייצא.

Many verbs ז"ץ have ע סד ה for the second radical, as קעם, קעם עד, בעש, בעש, ועו (also צור = צור = צור = צור (תאב Others have ב in Pael, as רבה, לבט. In these verbs Polel forms are common, and the Ithpalpel אזרעון.

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¹ But the modern pronunciation, according to Petermann, is lut.

² On p. 51, which is probably by Marqah, in § 2 perhaps דהו אחת should be read for דהוה, and similarly elsewhere.

Amram (not in the Durrân) and Margah onwards is alphabetical. They both use a double alphabet (the first and third lines in each four beginning with the same letter), but this sometimes breaks down, unless the defects are due to scribal corruption. In the alphabetical arrangement the gutturals א, ה, ה, y are interchangeable. The earliest acrostic is (once 1) in Margah, in the hymn for circumcision on p. 846. In later writers it is very common. Amram and Margah do not use rhyme, which becomes usual later, and in the long hymns is carried through a whole section of twenty or thirty lines on the same syllable. Hence עבודה דעלמה p. 34, which is rhymed and has other signs of late style, is no doubt by Pinhas (as V 3) or Eleazar (as Cr 11) and not by Margah (as Cr 18, B 2). Similarly אתהו עבודן p. 30, in which rhyme is attempted, is by the High Priest Amram, not by Amram Darah. Strange forms are frequently invented by most writers for the sake of the rhyme, and a word may even be divided for the same reason between two lines.

The Arabic of the headings is the vulgar language used by the later Samaritans, but as the headings or rubrics have no literary character and may be varied according to the will of the scribe, the language is more than usually debased. They are very cursively written, often hard to read, and harder to explain. They are printed here, with all mistakes, as in the MSS. Where the reading is uncertain the correct form is printed. The following spellings are usual, but not invariable:

for

, s for s, o for o, o for b; b for g for g for g in the 3rd pers. plur. perfect; final s without dots, final g with dots. Hebrew words are introduced at will, as good of the slave of the s

I. LIST OF HIGH PRIESTS FROM ABF (+ADDITIONS), ELT AND AD.

,	(1222220210),			
		reigned		11. 1
	Nathaniel	32 3	years	died 332 A. D.
(Abf, Ad omit)	Baba rabba	40	99	Abf says (p. 178) ببا ربه لم
				تحسب ولايته فانه كان
				اماما وملكا في حيوة والده
				which probably means that
				he was not High Priest.
	Agbon	26	"	brother of Baba.
	Nathaniel	31	,,	
	Aqbon	20	"	
	Eleazar	21	"	(Elt, Ad, 25.)
	Aqbon	24	"	(FIt Ad to)
	Eleazar	27	33	(Elt, Ad, 17.)
	Aqbon Eleazar	30 27	22	(Elt, Ad, 40.)
	Nathaniel	31	**	(Elt says his 12th year = c.
		3-	,,	490, but it should be c. 556
	Eleazar	25	,,	(Abf says in his 12th year
		- 5	"	'came' Muḥammad. Ad
				says at the end of his
				priesthood arose Muham-
				mad=601=4893 A.M. This
				should be 612. [M. was born in 569 and 'arose' at
				the age of 43.])
(Abf omits)	Nathaniel	20	29	220 1180 01 43.])
	Eleazar	18	"	(Ad says Caesarea was taken
				in his time. This was in
	A 7	**		638 A. D.)
	Aqbon	30	99	
(110 (Eleazar Aqbon	16	"	(due to dittography and must
(Abf omits)	Eleazar	22	"	due to dittography and must be omitted to agree with
,			"	the dates.)
	Aqbon	21	22	75.7
	Eleazar	26	,,	(T): 13
	Simeon Levi	17	"	(Elt, Ad, 7. Died c. 129 H.)
	Pinhas	31	"	No.
	Nathaniel	2	22	
	Baba	II	22	(Ad, c. 233 H.?)
	Eleazar	9	19	, 33 = 1,
	Nathaniel	20	,,	(Ad, c. 247-267 H.)
	Eleazar	7	11	
	Pinhas Nathaniel	8	"	(Ad, c. 279–289 H.)
(? omit) {	Abdel	55	"	(Ad, c. 289–334 H.)
	Eleazar	35	"	(Elt, Aqbon. Ad, c. 334–363 H.) (Ad, c. 363–422 H.)
	Abdel	20	"	(died c. 344 H.)
	773		"	J11/
(4.7	Eleazar	29	"	
(Ad omits)	Abdel			
	Aaron	17	99	(gon of Florers
,		19	"	(son of Eleazar.)

¹ As to the hymn on p. 193, see above, p. xx.