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Sir,

I have the honour to report that the parliamentary elections for this Sanjak are now concluded, and that the three following candidates have been elected, namely:

Rouhi Effendi El Khalidi,
Hafiz Bey Es Saïd, and
Saïd Effendi El Husseini.

The three new members belong to prominent Mussulman families of Jerusalem; Rouhi Effendi, who heads the list, has been for some years Ottoman Consul-General

His Excellency

The Right Honourable

Sir Gerard Lowther, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

at

at Bordeause, and is said to be a gentleman of ability and culture; the other two are also well spoken of. It may perhaps be matter for regret that none but Mussulmans have been chosen, but the few Christian and Jewish candidates polled but very few votes, and there can be no doubt that the Ottoman population of the Sanjak is preponderantly Mussulman, as a very large proportion of the Jews residing in Palestine retain foreign nationality.

I have

I have the honour to be,
with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's
most obedient,
humble servant,
E. Blech.