

the Society. It is requested that lectures on the *special* present work of the Society, the excavations at Jerusalem, may not be given in aid of other institutions. The Secretary is authorised by the Committee to make arrangements for lectures, which entail no expense on the promoters.

NOTE.—Besides this list, lectures have been also kindly given by Rev. D. Kerr, of Dunse, and Edward Allen, Esq., of Alnwick, in advocacy of the Fund.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Report of Preliminary Meeting, 1865.
2. Statement of Progress, with Captain Wilson's Letters, 1866.
3. Meeting at Cambridge, 1867.
4. Meeting at Willis's Rooms, with Address and Report of Lieut. Warren, June 11th, 1868.
5. Quarterly Statement of Progress, January 1st, 1869.
6. Lieut. Warren's continued Reports of Progress and Work, with lithographed plans.
7. Lieut. Warren's Notes on the Valley of the Jordan.
8. Quarterly Statement of Progress, April 1st, 1869, and continued Letters of Lieutenant Warren.
9. List of Photographs.
10. Dean Stanley's Sermon on the Exploration of Palestine. Price 6d., or 7d. by post.

Of these, Nos. 2, 4, 5, 8, and future Quarterly Statements, are free to all Subscribers. The others may be had at a small price.

EXTRACT FROM THE TIMES, APRIL 1.

JERUSALEM, March 13, 1869.

EVERY one who has seen the works, every one who, from reading or previous knowledge, is enabled to appreciate their value, must experience deep regret if these labours are to be brought to a close in consequence of want of funds. We do but little in the way of scientific or archaeological research in other lands in comparison with France or Prussia. But here in Palestine, by the concurrence of fortunate circumstances, we have been enabled to obtain possession of a field of the deepest interest, which has been cultivated to great advantage so far, and has borne good fruit. If the good work is now allowed to languish, in a short time no trace of the results will be left.

There are thousands—many hundreds of them, perhaps—who do not care in the least to learn anything of the earthly Jerusalem that was once, and of which the ruins must be sought for deep in the earth beneath

the *debris* of centuries of conquest, siege, and convulsion. To them the discovery of the true foundations of the Temple of the Holy City, of the ancient aqueducts, subterranean passages, and grandiose engineering operations of the Scriptural Monarchs are of little moment. But there must be intelligence, piety, and wealth enough in England—as well as national pride and national determination—to contribute to the continuance of the researches which attract general sympathy and attention, and promise such a harvest in the future. There never will be such a chance as this again. The Turkish Government can scarcely be expected to view with favour excavations which lead down to the foundations of their own sacred stronghold in the City, but they cannot well withdraw from the permission accorded to the present explorers, although they see the very Haram itself perforated by shafts, and strange cranes, lifts, and pulleys at work in the Holy Enclosure of Omar. What has been already brought to light very probably affords a most imperfect measure of the results yet to be obtained. The most important problems in Biblical traditions and story which are keenly disputed over head may be solved by the underground workers in a few months, and the whole scheme of the architecture, of which we can as yet form very inadequate notions, may be revealed to us.

Jerusalem is filling fast with visitors in addition to the associated tourists. Many come to take part in or to witness the scenes which disgrace Christianity every Easter; others because it is in the programme of an Eastern tour; others from curiosity; a few actuated by the spirit which led so many weary feet and troubled hearts to the city of Zion. The blood-red standard floats with its white star and crescent from the walls of Jerusalem. Why should the Christian world give the Turk a moral victory too? In this contention of sects, and in the war of words, the Mahomedan sees in the very city of Our Saviour a proof of the errors of Christian faith, and finds a proud satisfaction in the catholicity of his own.

I end as I began, with an appeal to wealthy, religious, and Protestant England to sustain the Palestine Exploration Fund, in which no one can find room for just exception, derision, or animosity.

"ROB ROY" ON THE WORKS AT JERUSALEM.

The Times, April 5, 1869.

THE topographers and archæologists of the world have doubtless perused with deep interest the letters from Captain Wilson and Lieutenant Warren which from time to time have appeared in your columns on this subject, and which many newspapers in other countries have but reproduced. Though Jerusalem is now more than it has been for centuries