

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Report of the Executive Committee presented to the General Committee of the 27th gives, we believe, all possible information on the present operations and financial condition of the Society. It will be seen from the Report that there is every reason to be confident that the greatest work ever undertaken for the elucidation of the Bible will be brought to a successful termination. Every day brings out more clearly the invaluable nature of Lieutenant Conder's notes. The important papers which he has written for this *Quarterly Statement*, in addition to his work of preparing the memoirs, are all based upon the information collected on the field.

It will also be seen in the Report of the General Committee meeting that considerable accessions have been made to the strength of their list. The new members of the Executive Committee are Mr. Samuel Gurney and Mr. H. A. Harper. The Chairman of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year is Mr. W. Hephworth Dixon. The honorary officers have been re-elected. The sub-committees—viz., the Survey Publication Committee, whose work is not yet finished; the General Publication Committee, and the Finance Committee, have also been re-elected.

The sum of £150 has been remitted to the Committee by H.B.M. Consul, General Eldridge, from the Turkish authorities, in part payment of the claims for damages and compensation advanced by Mr. Consul Moore at the trial of the Safed fanatics.

The amount received at the Central Office between March 28th and June 28th was £904 12s. 10d., and the amount in the banks on the latter day was £604 14s. 0d.

The expenses during the stay at home are less than those when the party is in the field, but as Lieutenant Conder's staff now consists of seven officers and men, about £200 a month is still required for the necessary expenses. Subscribers will observe that the work of map drawing is imperative, and, if not done now, would have had to be done at the conclusion of the Survey, so that no time is lost. The Committee earnestly hope that the annual subscriptions will be paid as usual on application being made, if not before.

The following are the diocesan representatives of the Society :—

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

Diocese of Exeter : Rev. Franklin Bellamy, St. Mary's Vicarage, Devonport.

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IRELAND.

Rev. G. J. Stokes, Blackrock, Dublin.

The Rev. Horrocks Cocks, 17, Edwardes Square, London, S.W., has also kindly offered his services among Nonconformist churches.

An Irish Association has been formed, with head-quarters at Dublin, with the following committee :

Chairman—Right Hon. W. Brooke.

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Treasurer—The Munster Bank.

A series of meetings are to be held in July by the Rev. R. J. Griffiths, B.A., LL.B., throughout the Principality of Wales. Mr. Griffiths will address his audiences both in Welsh and English. The dates and places are up to the present date fixed as follows :—

- July 11. Brecon.
- 12. Cardiff.
- 13. Carmarthen.
- 14. Tenby.
- 17. Aberystwyth.

- July 18. Oswestry.
 — 19. Wrexham.
 — 20. Rhyl and Denbigh.
 — 21. Mold.
 — 22. St. Asaph.—Sermon in Cathedral.
 — 24. Llandudno.
 — 25. Beaumaris.
 — 26. Carnarvon.

Notices of these meetings will be sent to all the Welsh clergy and gentry. The subject has, with the exception of two or three lectures given by Mr. St. Clair, never hitherto been introduced in Wales.

Lieut. Kitchener's Guinea Book of Biblical Photographs is now ready, and can be bought at Mr. Stanford's establishment, 55, Charing Cross. It contains twelve views, with a short account of each. They are mounted on tinted boards, and handsomely bound. The following is the list of the selected views :—

1. The Valley of Sorek (1 Sam. vi. 12).
2. The Valley of Michmash (Judges xx. 31, and Isaiah x. 28).
3. Mount Moriah.
4. The Mosque El Aksa.
5. Elisha's Fountain (2 Kings ii. 22).
6. Bethlehem.
7. Interior of the Dome of the Rock.
8. The Baptism in Jordan.
9. Cana in Galilee.
10. Bethany.
11. The "Via Dolorosa."
12. The Traditional Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

All Lieut. Kitchener's views can be obtained at the same rate as the ordinary photographs of the Fund, of the agent, Mr. Edward Stanford, 55, Charing Cross. The complete list is on pp. 114--116.

While desiring to give every publicity to proposed identifications by officers of the Fund, the Committee beg it to be distinctly understood that they leave such proposals to be discussed on their own merits, and that by publishing them in the *Quarterly Statement* the Committee do not sanction or adopt them.

The Committee are always grateful for the return of old numbers of the *Quarterly Statement*, especially those which are advertised as out of print.

Ladies desirous of joining the Ladies' Associations are requested to communicate with Mrs. Finn, The Elms, Brook Green, London, W.