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NOTES AND NEWS.

On Tuesday, September 10th, Lieutenant Kitchener formally handed over to the Committee the whole of the maps and memoirs complete. His final report, read to the Committee at the time, will be found further on (p. 174). The work thus completed consists, first, of twenty sheets, each with its memoir, prepared by Lieutenant Conder, and, secondly, of six, each with its memoir, prepared by Lieutenant Kitchener. There are also the special plans, surveys and drawings, made by both officers; there are the pen-and-ink sketches and water-colour drawings made by Lieutenant Conder, and Lieutenant Kitchener's photographs. In addition to all this there are the three sheets of the smaller map prepared by Lieutenant Kitchener, according to the instructions of the Committee.

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On Tuesday, September 19th, Lieutenant Kitchener started for Cyprus to commence the survey of the island, to the command of which he has been appointed by the Foreign Office.

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The Committee, at their meeting of September 10th, passed the following resolution: "That the Committee desire to express their grateful thanks to Lieutenant Kitchener for the way in which he brought the Survey of Western Palestine to a successful termination, and congratulate him on his appointment to the very important work of a similar nature which has been entrusted to him by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs."

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The *Quarterly Statement* for 1878, therefore, closes with the completion of the Survey of Western Palestine, the history of which was commenced in the *Quarterly Statement* of January, 1872. The Survey has taken seven years to complete. The sheets of the map have been placed in the hands of the most competent judges, and are stated to be in every respect equal to the best work possible in map-making. The year 1879 will be the year of publishing. It is proposed that the regular subscriptions should be devoted to this purpose. It is needless to explain that a large part of the scientific memoirs and special plans, which must be published, can hardly be expected to pay the expenses of publication. Probably

in the January *Quarterly Statement* we may be prepared with a prospectus of time, price, &c.

In Lieutenant Conder's book, "Tent Work in Palestine," an opportunity has been afforded of turning over the leaves, so to speak, of the memoirs. The book, though published in a bad season, and not at the best time of the year, has done very well. It is satisfactory to record that the general opinion of the press has been very favourable, and that its sale has already justified the Committee in their confidence in the author.

The sale has, in fact, left, at the present moment, little more than a hundred copies in the hands of the publishers. Those subscribers who want to have the earliest and library edition should therefore send their names to the office without any delay.

By an oversight in the July *Quarterly Statement*, the editor omitted to mention that the illustration, "Jewish Synagogue at Sufsaf," was supplied by the kindness of the editor of the *Builder*, where it first appeared.

On p. 176 will be found the prospectus of the proposed expedition to Galilee. This has been already sent to the General Committee, and circulated privately to a limited extent. A first list of subscribers has been obtained, and is here published. The amounts are in some cases promised, in others already paid. The prospectus itself has been printed in large numbers, and copies can be had on application to the Secretary. It is illustrated with a wood-cut of Tel Hum, the proposed principal site for excavation.

Marquis of Bute.....	£50	0	0
Samuel Morley, Esq., M.P. ....	50	0	0
Lord Clermont .....	25	0	0
John Edward Wilson, Esq. ....	25	0	0
W. Hepworth Dixon, Esq. ....	10	10	0
John MacGregor, Esq. ....	10	0	0
Lord Talbot de Malahide .....	5	0	0
Rev. Canon Lightfoot .....	5	0	0
W. M'Arthur, Esq., M.P.....	5	5	0
W. Atkinson, Esq.....	5	0	0
J. Braithwaite, Esq. ....	5	0	0
Fritz Reiss, Esq.....	5	0	0
Right Hon. Stephen Cave, M.P. ....	2	2	0
Rev. F. W. Holland .....	2	2	0
Rev. W. F. Birch .....	2	2	0
F. L. Hausberg, Esq. ....	2	0	0
Miss Erskine .....	2	0	0
Rev. Dr. Ginsburg .....	2	0	0
Miss Mends .....	0	10	0
Per Hon. Sec. for Chelmsford .....	2	5	0

The list will remain open. Subscribers can, if they please, devote their amounts, or any portion of them, to this special fund.

The small map of Galilee which forms the frontispiece to this number and illustrates the prospectus of page 176 shows the country which will be the field of operations of the new expedition. The western side of the lake has been already surveyed by Lieutenant Kitchener. The eastern side is almost unknown. The map itself is a portion of the reduced map on the three-eighths scale, the hill shading being omitted.

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This is the first specimen of the reduced map published. It is noteworthy that it contains about five times as many names as any other existing map of this portion of the country, and this, although one half the map belongs to the unsurveyed part of Palestine.

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At the meeting of the British Association in August three papers of interest to readers of this Journal were read: one by Lieutenant Kitchener, on the Survey of Galilee; one by the Rev. F. W. Holland, on his recent journey to Sinai; and one by Captain Burton, on his last expedition to Midian. We reproduce the first (p. 159), and hope, when the others are published, to present extracts from them.

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We have to regret the death of the Rev. Samuel Martin, a member of the General Committee from the foundation of the Society, and of General Cameron, R.E., the Director of the Ordnance Survey at Southampton. General Cameron had only just joined the General Committee, but had on various occasions shown his appreciation of the work and rendered great help to the Committee.

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The death of that great geographer, Herr Petermann, also a member of this Committee, is announced at the moment of going to press. His contributions to Biblical geography deserve a special notice, which we hope to give next quarter.

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The income of the Fund from all sources, from June 27th to September 19th, 1878, was £814 5s. 4d. The expenditure was as follows:—Exploration, £219 13s. 6d.; office expenses, £172 14s. 11d.; bills, £68 1s. 6d.

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It has been asked whether, since the Survey is finished, the *Quarterly Statement* will be discontinued. The completion of the Survey does not mean the completion of the work of the Society, as reference to the original prospectus will show at once. And there is, more than ever, need of a periodical devoted to the special line of research which is the *raison d'être* of this *Quarterly Statement*. It will therefore be continued as long as the Society exists and there is work of the kind which it represents to be done and reported.

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The first number of the Journal of the new German Association has been received. A summary of its contents will be found on page 201. We shall receive and exchange the numbers regularly, and propose to transfer to our own columns, with due acknowledgment, whatever new intelligence and matter of interest the Journal may contain. Under the vigorous management of the Executive Committee elected to carry on the Association it ought to prove successful.

Several cases have been at various times discovered of postage stamps being lost on their way to the office. The only way to avoid such loss is to send money by P.O.O. or by cheque, *in every case payable to the order of Walter Besant, Esq., and crossed to Coutts and Co., or the Union Bank, Charing Cross Branch.*

The ninth thousand of "Our Work in Palestine" is now ready (price 3s. 6d.), and may be ordered of booksellers. This book carries the work down to the commencement of the Survey, but does not embrace M. Ganneau's discoveries nor the results of the Survey itself.

The following are at present Representatives and Lecturers of the Society, in addition to the local Hon. Secs. :—

Archdeaconry of Hereford: Rev. J. S. Stooke-Vaughan, Wellington Heath Vicarage, Ledbury.

City and neighbourhood of Manchester: Rev. W. F. Birch, St. Saviour's Rectory.

Lancashire: Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Vicarage, Lancaster.

London: Rev. Henry Geary, 16, Somerset Street, Portman Square; and Mr. C. Stuart Lockhart (address at the office).

Norwich: Rev. W. F. Creeny.

Suffolk: Rev. F. C. Long, Stow-upland, Stowmarket.

Peterborough: Rev. A. J. Foster, Farndish Rectory, Wellingborough.

Worcester: Rev. F. W. Holland, Evesham (Member of General and Executive Committee, and one of the Hon. Secretaries to the Fund).

Gloucester and Bristol: Mr. John Brion (address at the office).

Diocese of Ripon: Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Vicarage.

North Wales: Rev. John Jones, Treborth, Bangor.

Yorkshire, Durham, and the North: Rev. James King, 13, Paradise Terrace, Darlington. Mr. King has recently returned from the Holy Land; communications for lectures, &c., can be sent to the Office at Charing Cross.

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

SCOTLAND.—Rev. R. J. Craig, Dalgetty, Burntisland.

The Rev. Horrocks Cocks, 19, Edwardes Square, Kensington, has also kindly offered his services among the Nonconformist churches.

While desiring to give every publicity to proposed identifications and other theories advanced 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.

Annual subscribers are earnestly requested to forward their subscriptions for the current year when due, at their *earliest convenience*, and without waiting for application.

The Committee are always glad to receive old numbers of the *Quarterly Statement*, especially those which have been advertised as out of print.

Attention is called to the statement already advertised, that subscribers to the Fund are privileged by the publishers to receive both the "Literary Remains of the late Mr. C. F. Tyrwhitt Drake," and the "Underground Jerusalem" of Captain Warren, at reduced rates. The former book will be sent for ten shillings, the latter for sixteen shillings, postage paid. But letters asking for them must be sent to the office at 11 and 12, Charing Cross only.

Cases for binding the *Quarterly Statement* are now ready, and can be had on application to Messrs. R. Bentley and Son, 8, New Burlington Street. They are in green or brown cloth, with the stamp of the Society, uniform in appearance with "Our Work in Palestine," and are sold at the price of eighteenpence.

Lieut. Kitchener's Guinea Book of Biblical Photographs 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.

## SURVEY OF GALILEE.

*A Paper read before the Geographical Section of the British Association by*  
LIEUT. H. H. KITCHENER, R.E., F.R.G.S.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I appear before you to-day as the representative of the Palestine Exploration Fund, an association which, as many of you are aware, was formed several years ago under the patronage of Her Majesty, and of many great functionaries in Church and State, for the purpose of exploring the Holy Land. The great work on which the Society has been occupied for the last seven years is a map of Palestine on the model of the Ordnance Survey of England and Ireland.

This map of Palestine from Dan to Beersheba on the 1-inch scale has now been completed, and will shortly be published. It was commenced by the Palestine Exploration Fund sending out Major Stewart, R.E., and a party of noncommissioned officers at the end of 1871. Major Stewart was invalided home after a very short period of service, during which he had, however, established a base line on the plain near Ramleh; this base line was over four miles long, and was calculated with considerable accuracy. Mr. Tyrwhitt Drake had then charge of the party until the arrival of Lieutenant Conder, in July, 1872. The work then proceeded regularly, the triangulation being carried southwards to the hill country, and then north as far as the plain of Esdraelon, on which another base line was measured. The calculations and measurements of this check base agreed most satisfactorily, and proved the accuracy of the whole triangulation. In November, 1874, I joined the party, and after a year's work in the plain of Philistia, when commencing the survey of Galilee,