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NOTES AND NEWS.

THE work of the last quarter has been chiefly occupied with the Special Edition of the "Survey of Western Palestine." We are happy to be able to announce that the subscription has been entirely covered. The reception of the prospectus was from the first extremely satisfactory. It was sent, to begin with, to the members of the General Committee, with results which appeared in the last *Quarterly Statement*; next it was issued with the July number to the general body of subscribers, and shortly afterwards the circular was sent to a few leading libraries. It has not been found necessary to advertise the edition in any way, or to appeal to the general public. Some of the local honorary secretaries were good enough to draw up lists of names to whom the circular might be sent, but the rapid application for copies made the use of these lists unnecessary. Further on will be found a complete list of the subscribers, in their order.

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It may happen that some whose names are in the list may be disposed to cede their copies. To meet such cases names are still received and will be placed on the list of the two hundred and fifty, should vacancies occur, in order of priority of application.

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A paragraph in the July *Quarterly Statement* explained that there would be no cheaper edition of the Survey. Arrangements, it was said, would be made to enable the public to purchase any portion or portions of the work separately, such as the maps, the plans, the Arabic lists, or the special papers. Some misunderstanding seems to have been caused by this announcement. The Committee, it should be further explained, have no intention whatever of disregarding the manifest rights of subscribers to have the maps at a lower rate than the general public. The reduced price cannot yet be announced because it has not been found possible as yet to arrive at the exact cost of the maps to the Committee.

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An idea may be formed, however, of what the maps will cost subscribers by reckoning the actual cost of the large map at eighteenpence a sheet, and of the small map at six or seven shillings, to which the cost of carriage must be added. Probably the price of the large map to subscribers will be two guineas, carriage paid.

The memoirs are being printed as rapidly as possible. Colonel Wilson, the editor in chief, has the proofs sent to him in Asia Minor, which necessarily causes a delay of five or six weeks for each volume. But this is unavoidable. Major Anderson, his colleague, has now returned from Servia, and is prepared to take up the work. The introduction, which forms a general history of the Society from its foundation, will be furnished by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the scientific account of the methods of the Survey by the officer who carried out the greatest part of the work—Lieutenant Conder. Professor Hayter Lewis has undertaken the revision of the architectural illustrations.

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Colonel Wilson's paper on the Masonry of the Haram, promised for this number, stands over for January, to allow of the illustrations, which could not be got ready in time for the October number.

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We are indebted to the Zeitschrift of the German Association for the Exploration of Palestine for the interesting papers by Professors Goldziher and Sepp, and Herr Schick, which are printed in this number.

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The income of the Fund from all sources, from June 12th to September 17th, 1879, was £508 15s. 8d. The expenditure was as follows:—Liabilities on *Tent Work*, £107 9s.; rent, parcels, postage, salaries, and offices, £145 5s. 8d.; printers, £204 10s. All the "unpaid accounts" which have figured so formidably in the annual balance-sheets are now paid off.

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It is suggested to subscribers that the safest and the most convenient manner of paying a subscription is by means of a bank. Many subscribers have adopted this method, recommended in the *Quarterly Statement* of January last. Among other advantages, this method removes the danger of loss or miscarriage, and saves the Society's office the labour and expense of acknowledgment by official receipt and letter.

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Subscribers who do not receive the *Quarterly Statement* regularly are asked to send a note to the Secretary. Great care is taken to forward the periodical to all who are entitled to receive it, but changes of address and other causes give rise to occasional omissions.

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It has been asked whether, since the Survey is finished, the *Quarterly Statement* will be discontinued. The Survey, as stated above, will be actually completed when it is entirely published, and not before. But its completion does not mean the completion of the work of the Society, as reference to the original prospectus will show. 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.

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, unless subscriptions are paid through the bank, 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. :—

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While desiring to give every publicity to proposed identifications and other theories advanced by officers of the Fund and contributors to the pages of the *Quarterly Statement*, 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 the "Recovery of Jeru-

salem," "Tent Work in Palestine," the "Literary Remains of the late Mr. C. F. Tyrwhitt Drake," and the "Underground Jerusalem" of Colonel Warren, at reduced rates. 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.

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MEETING of General Committee of June 24, 1879.

Chairman, Lord Talbot de Malahide.

Letters were read expressing inability to attend from Sir Moses Montefiore, Messrs. Grove, Harper, Martin, and Morrison.

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Executive Committee, which was as follows:—

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,—On resigning the trust committed to them on June 11th, 1878, your Committee render an account of their administration during the last twelve months.

1. On their first sitting, Mr. W. Hepworth Dixon was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. The number of meetings held during the year has been nineteen, without counting many meetings of sub-committees.

3. The memoirs and plans belonging to the sheets of the map executed by Lieut. Kitchener were completed by that officer in September, 1878. He handed over to the Committee on the 10th day of that month the whole Survey of Western Palestine, consisting of (1) a complete survey,