

THE  
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND

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On and after July 30th, the Offices of the Society will be  
at 1, Adam Street, Adelphi.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

THE first instalment of the "Survey of Western Palestine" in the shape of the Great Maps in 26 sheets has now been delivered to all subscribers of the Special Edition. The first Volume of the Memoirs is far advanced and will be issued in the summer. The succeeding volumes will follow at short intervals.

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A few copies of the map have been issued to subscribers. Those who have put down their names may expect their copies in the course of the month. They will be sent out in order of application, and payment should be made in advance.

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The Committee are anxious that as many of their subscribers as possible should have the opportunity of seeing the Great Map. They have, therefore, had the sheets put together so as to form a map about 18 feet long, on rollers, which can be sent to any Honorary Local Secretary to the Fund, for exhibition to his subscribers, or to any subscriber to the Fund who may wish to show it to his friends and will pay the expenses of carriage. The map has already been shown at Edinburgh, Manchester, Leeds, Stroud, Hereford, Ledbury, and one or two other places.

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The "special papers" promised for the Memoirs will probably consist of three volumes containing (1) an account of research and discovery in Jerusalem by Colonel Warren, R.E., including his own excavations and all subsequent work in the city, illustrated by plans. (2) Professor E. H. Palmer's Journey through the Desert of the Tih. (3) Papers on various prints, from the *Quarterly Statement* (1869-1880), and others specially written for the work by the Rev. Canon Tristram, Colonel Wilson, Major Anderson, Mr. Glaisher, M. Clermont Ganneau and others. (4) The name lists, which will include not only all those obtained by the officers of the survey, but also those not in that list, given in Sepp and elsewhere, and found by Rosen, Guérin, Ganneau, and other travellers.

Colonel Warren has joined Major Anderson as Editor of the Maps; Professor Hayter Lewis has undertaken the supervision of the plans and architectural drawings; Mr. Walter Besant has been associated with Professor Palmer as Editor of the Memoirs. The Memoirs and maps will be published when subscribers of the Special Edition have had their copies, at TWENTY GUINEAS inclusive; a limited number only will be printed. A Subscription List is lying at the office of the Fund.

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The publication of the Large Map has been placed in the hands of Mr. Edward Stanford, 55, Charing Cross, who issues it at the price of Three Guineas. Subscribers to the Fund who wish to have it at the reduced price of Two Guineas, should apply to the Secretary of the Society at the new office, 1, Adam Street, Adelphi.

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It has been resolved for the convenience and help of students to issue at the same time as the reduced Map of Modern Western Palestine, two Biblical Maps of the same country in six sheets on the same scale, viz.,  $\frac{3}{8}$ th of an inch to a mile, (see p. 131). There will thus be three maps:—

- (1) Western Palestine, illustrating the Geography of the Old Testament within the limits of the Map.
- (2) Western Palestine, illustrating the Geography of the New Testament within the limits of the Map.
- (3) Modern Western Palestine.

The preparation of these maps has been offered to, and accepted by, Mr. Trelawny Saunders.

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No part of Eastern Palestine will be engraved for these maps. It should be mentioned, to save disappointment, that the sheets sent over by the American Society are not offered as a survey, but as a reconnaissance. They are a valuable addition to our knowledge of that region, but the survey has yet to be undertaken.

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The price of the reduced maps to subscribers will be as low as possible; until they are ready, however, no decision can be arrived at.

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A meeting of General Committee was held on Tuesday, June 15th, in accordance with clause 22 of the Articles of Association. The Chair was taken by Mr. James Glaisher, but as the business of the meeting had all been transacted at the extraordinary meeting of March 16th, 1880, the proceedings were merely formal.

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In order to meet a desire expressed by many correspondents, the Committee have in preparation a pamphlet on the gains to the knowledge and better understanding of the Bible resulting from the survey of Western Palestine. A copy will be sent to every subscriber to the Large Map who wishes to have it.

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The Committee have also resolved upon issuing a general index to the papers

and subjects treated of in the *Quarterly Statement* from its commencement to October, 1880. The work has been undertaken by Mr. W. S. W. Vaux, F.R.S.

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Colonel Warren has in the press a work entitled "Temple or Tomb?" He maintains in this book that his explorations at Jerusalem tended to confirm the authenticity of the traditional sites of the Holy Sepulchre and Temple of the Jews. He shows that the Zion to which the ark of the Lord was brought by King David was a totally distinct hill from Moriah, on which the Temple of Solomon was built, and will point out that the confusion existing in the minds of many on the subject arises from the fact that, of the principal poetical works, the psalms referring specially to Zion were composed by David during the period when Zion was the Holy Hill, while the psalms written after the building of the Temple only refer to Zion in parallelisms. He also shows that of three hills on which Jerusalem is built, there is a general concurrence between the Bible, Josephus, and Maccabees that Moriah, the Temple mount, is that to the east; that to the south-west is the upper city of Josephus, and that to the north-west is the Akra, formerly the city of David (Zion), which was cut down by the Maccabees to prevent it dominating the Temple. He is of opinion that the west, south, and east walls of the Temple, together with the northern edge of the dome of the rock platform, indicate the limits of the Temple courts of Herod; the large marginal drafted stones of which formed the actual walls that existed or were built in his day. He maintains that the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, was on the top of the hill of Moriah, and that the position of the Temple was in the main, identical with that indicated by the common tradition of Jews, Christians and Mohammedans.

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Mr. Laurence Oliphant, who has recently returned from a journey in Eastern Palestine, will publish in the Autumn a work entitled "The Land of Gilcad." His expedition, which was undertaken in the interests of the project which we described in the last number of the *Quarterly Statement*, led him to many places never before described, even if they have been visited by European travellers, and was rich in geographical and archæological results.

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When the Memoirs are completed it is proposed by Mr. Walter Besant to prepare a translation of the early travels in Palestine. This will include, besides those accounts published by Tobler, the description of Jerusalem on the arrival of the Crusaders, which has never hitherto been translated from the Norman French, and a chapter on the Arabic historians, which will be contributed by Professor E. H. Palmer. Colonel Warren has promised to add a running commentary and short notes to the text. This book will probably be published next year by subscription.

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We promised to give Professor Palmer's translations of the Arabic inscriptions in the Cubbet es Sakhrah in this number of the *Quarterly Statement*. He has, however, been unavoidably prevented from completing them.

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Mr. Greville Chester's report of his journey through the cities of the Delta and the shores of the "Lacus Serbonicus" will be found in this number. He points out serious errors in the revised maps and differs altogether from the theory of Brugsch Bey.

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A cheap edition of "Tent Work in Palestine" will be published in the autumn. Its price will probably be 7s. 6d. A few copies still remain of the Library Edition.

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The income of the Fund from all sources, from March 20th, 1880, to June 28th, 1880, was £1,048 14s. 8d. The general expenditure on rent, parcels, postage, printing of Quarterly Statement, of Memoirs, &c., during the same period has been £528 1s. The amount in hand at the Committee meeting of June 28th was £1,432 2s. 11d.

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It is suggested to subscribers that the safest and the most convenient manner of paying subscriptions is through a bank. Many subscribers have adopted this method, which removes the danger of loss or miscarriage, and renders unnecessary the 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 each number to all who are entitled to receive it, but changes of address and other causes give rise occasionally to omissions.

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The publications of the Society now in print are:—

1. The Recovery of Jerusalem. Third Thousand. 16s. to Subscribers.
2. Our Work in Palestine. Ninth Thousand. 3s. 6d.
3. Tent Work in Palestine. Second Thousand. 17s. 6d. to Subscribers.
4. The *Quarterly Statement*.

The second of these contains a popular account of the excavations in Jerusalem, with the reasons and aims of the work.

A few copies still remain of Lieutenant Kitchener's Guinea book of Biblical Photographs. It contains twelve views, with a short account of each. The views are mounted on tinted boards, and handsomely bound.

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Cases for binding the *Quarterly Statement* can be obtained of the Society's publishers, Messrs. R. Bentley and Son, at eighteenpence each. They are in green or brown cloth with the stamp of the Society.

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The following are at present Representatives and Lecturers of the Society, in addition to the local Honorary Secretaries:—

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.

Norwich: Rev. W. F. Creeny.

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

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

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

North Wales: Rev. John Jones, Pwllheli, North Wales.

Yorkshire, Durham, and the North: Rev. James King, St. Mary's Vicarage, Berwick. Mr. King has recently returned from the Holy Land; communications for lectures, &c., can be sent to the Office at Charing Cross.

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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 wish it to be distinctly understood that these rest solely upon the credit of the respective authors, and that by publishing them in the *Quarterly Statement* the Committee neither sanction nor adopt them.

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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.

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### THE REDUCED MAPS.

The following correspondence more fully explains the statement made above as to the reduced maps:—

*To the Editors of "The Leeds Mercury."*

"GENTLEMEN,—Having recently written to the Secretary of the Palestine Exploration Fund relative to the exhibition of the great map on Thursday last, and mentioned the criticism of several subscribers that so few of the biblical names of places were introduced—many even of important towns being marked only by their modern names—I have received the accompanying letter in reply, which Mr. Besant asks me to publish, hoping that the subscribers will be satisfied with the action of the Committee in meeting their objections half-way.—I am, &c.,

"ED. ATKINSON.

"Leeds, 10th June, 1880."

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"Palestine Exploration Fund,  
"11 and 12, Charing Cross, June 7th, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this morning. The Committee have already considered the questions raised by you in this communication as to the scriptural names, and are fully awake to the importance of making the results of the survey more widely useful to biblical students than is possible with the great map alone. With this object in view they have resolved upon issuing, as soon as they can be prepared, three maps of Western Palestine,

reduced from the large map which you have seen, to three-eighths the original size. The first of these will contain as many of the modern names now in the large map as can be found room for, and will form a trustworthy map for the traveller and geographer of modern Palestine. The second will be a map of the country in the time of Our Lord, forming an accurate map (so far as the identifications are accepted) to illustrate the New Testament and Josephus. The third will be a map of the country in the time of the Kings, illustrating the whole of the Old Testament narrative so far as Western Palestine is concerned. In addition to this, we have now in hand, and shall shortly publish, a pamphlet on the principal gains to Biblical knowledge from the survey. I have to add that the price of these reduced maps to subscribers will be fixed at the actual cost-price of their production. They will all be ready, I think, by February next. It is a great satisfaction to the Committee that their subscribers in Leeds have had a chance of seeing how their money has been expended, and of realising that they have contributed to the completion of the most important work ever undertaken in illustration of the Bible. I have only now to convey to you the thanks of the Committee for your own exertions and trouble in the cause.

“I remain, dear SIR, faithfully yours,

“WALTER BESANT, M.A., Secretary.

“Edward Atkinson, Esq., F.R.C.S.”

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