

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Old and New Testament Maps are now ready. They were issued in November, and there has already been a considerable demand for them. The responsibility of identification rests with Mr. Trelawney Saunders, the editor, to whom must also be given the credit for all the information which he has conveyed with the maps. For instance, the Old Testament Map illustrates the geography not only of the Canonical books, but also that of Josephus and the Apocrypha. The Tribal Divisions, the Twelve Governments of Solomon, the Stations of the Tabernacle and Ark, the Cities of Refuge (Priestly and Levitical), the Canaanite Capitals, Rehoboam's Fortified Places, will be found on the map. By means of different tints, also, the tribes included in the different Captivities are indicated. Mr. Saunders has also added a Key to Ezekiel's Prophetic Divisions. As regards the New Testament Map it illustrates the geography of the Talmud and Josephus as well as of the Gospels. The modern names will be found under the ancient names. The heights are given in English feet. The maps are uniform in size and appearance, and when mounted are 5 feet 4 inches long and 3 feet wide.

The price of these maps is 6s. 6d. to subscribers, carriage paid to any part of Great Britain or Ireland. This is half the price charged by the publishers to the public. It is found that the water-basins cannot be laid on them, because the maps are already fully occupied with colour used for conveying information. The sections can be had separately in sheets.

The list of identifications of all places in Western Palestine with those adopted by Mr. Saunders and those by Captain Conder is now in preparation, and will be issued as soon as possible.

The third volume of **Memoirs** has been delayed, but the final revise is now

passing through the press. The other two volumes may be expected in the spring. Captain Conder, who has returned from Egypt, and is now on sick leave, will, as soon as he has recovered his health, return to the service of the Committee, and has undertaken to prepare a paper for the Jerusalem volume, containing an account of all the researches and discoveries made there since Colonel Warren's excavations.

The great work of which these volumes form part will not be reprinted, and only a few copies are left. Particulars of the price may be obtained of the Secretary. The Committee beg their friends to secure them, if possible, for libraries, so as to make them more generally useful.

Colonel Warren is now at Suez engaged in bringing to justice the murderers of Professor Palmer and his companions. Of their fate there is now no longer room for doubt. The notice of Professor Palmer which will be found on page 4 is reprinted from the "Athenæum." A memoir of his life is being prepared by Mr. Walter Besant: it may be expected early in the year. In his most lamentable death, the Society has suffered an irreparable loss. There is no living man who can take his place, because, though many Oriental scholars may be found, there is not one who knows so well the people of the Desert and the Holy Land, their manners, customs, and language.

Work in the field will be resumed as soon as possible. Meantime, Captain Conder will, it is hoped, take up again the work in which he was interrupted, of compiling the Memoirs of the part he has already surveyed. The position of the Society has been greatly improved by the issue of these Memoirs. Its objects are now widely known, and the publication of its splendid maps and the volumes of the Memoirs are at once a proof of the excellence of their past work and a pledge for the future. It is hoped that every subscriber will take a copy of the Biblical maps, if not for his own use, for presentation to schools and libraries.

Mr. Saunders's sections of the country, viz., one from north to south, and four from east to west, have been laid down on two sheets, so that they can be had separately if desired. They are also laid down on his "Water-Basin" Map. The price of the sheets is 1s. 6d. each. The Jerusalem sheet of the great Map can also be had separately, at half-a-crown.

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