

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND

NOTES AND NEWS.

It is understood that the Porte is considering the whole question of exploration and excavations in the Turkish Empire, and that a new code of rules will before long become law. The conditions which will be laid down in the scheme under consideration are as yet unknown. We hope, however, that they will be favourable to the uninterrupted pursuit of such work as our own.

Meantime, we are watching for an opportunity to carry on the work of our programme. If it be found impossible for the present to continue the Survey of Eastern Palestine, we shall have to attack other parts of the work, of equal importance, though not of such general interest. It has been decided to issue, as soon as possible, the portions already surveyed, and Captain Conder, when he returns to the Committee in May, will compile the Memoirs of this portion.

The third volume of the Memoirs of the Western Survey, forming the fifth volume already issued, is now in course of publication. It contains Judæa, and as much of the south country as is included in the Survey. Subscribers who have not yet received their copies will be good enough to communicate with the Secretary.

The printing of the Jerusalem volume has been commenced. This work will contain, after an introductory chapter on previous research in and about the city— (1) Colonel Warren's detailed account of all his own excavations; (2) an account of M. Clermont Ganneau's work; (3) an account of Captain Conder's work; (4) the German work in the Muristan and on Ophel; (5) the Siloam Stone and other inscriptions found in Jerusalem; (6) an architectural history of all the buildings in Jerusalem, with reference to the contemporary and later notices of these buildings, and a reconstruction of Constantine's Basilica, and the group of churches which succeeded it, by Captain Conder; (7) an account of

researches outside the city, also by Captain Conder; (8) a brief chronicle of the city, and a *resumé* of the controversy over the sites. This work will be, like the *Memoirs*, illustrated with woodcuts, plans, and maps, and will be accompanied by a portfolio of drawings, sections, and plans to illustrate Colonel Warren's papers. The book will not, like the *Memoirs*, be limited in number, though it forms a portion of the work called the "Survey of Western Palestine."

Canon Tristram's "Flora and Fauna" will complete the work. As regards this volume the author writes: "What I propose to give is a careful catalogue of all the species existing in the country, giving the Linnean names and references to the original authority for each name, the Hebrew and Arabic vernacular names when such are known, the range of each species within the country, and also the extent of its geographical range elsewhere. In the case of forms of life peculiar to the country more details may be given. I also propose to figure all species peculiar to Palestine, and some of the rarest which extend beyond its limits, but have never yet been figured. The mammals and birds are being drawn by Mr. Keuleman and Mr. Smit, and will be coloured. The reptiles and fishes are being engraved by Mr. Mintern. The volume will contain the mammalia, the birds, the reptiles, the fresh-water fish of the Jordan and its affluents, the land and fresh-water molluscs, the diurnal butterflies, the Orthoptera, the Arachnidae, and the flora, comprising at least 1,600 species of phanerogamic plants." The printing of the work is already commenced. Hopes are entertained of bringing it out before the end of the year. This also will be issued independently of the great work of which it forms a part.

There are a few copies not yet subscribed of the "Survey of Western Palestine." The Committee are very desirous that these should be taken by Public Libraries. Librarians and subscribers are requested to communicate with the Secretary as to the terms on which Libraries can have the whole work.

The Old and New Testament Maps have been well received. Up to the present date there have been taken by subscribers, at subscribers' price—about 400 each. This is a fair beginning. But it is only a beginning. The Committee have placed all Sunday Schools on the same footing as subscribers, provided they apply to the Secretary at the office.

The authorised lecturers for the Society are—

- [(1) The Rev. Henry Geary, Vicar of St. Thomas's, Portman Square. His lectures are on the following subjects:—
- The Survey of Western Palestine, as illustrating Bible History.
 - Palestine East of the Jordan.
 - The Jerusalem Excavations.
 - A Restoration of Ancient Jerusalem.

(2) The Rev. James King, Vicar of St. Mary's, Berwick. His subjects are as follows:—

The Survey of Western Palestine.

Jerusalem.

The Hittites.

The Moabite Stone and other monuments.

(3) William Pearson, Esq., Homefield, Langbank, Port Glasgow, Scotland.

The income of the Society, from December 22nd to March 22nd inclusive, from all sources, amounted to £1,123 13s. 3d. The expenditure was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Maps and Memoirs	576	9	6
Printing account	100	0	0
General management	187	12	0

The amount lying in the Banks on April 2nd was £346 3s. 4d.

The following is the Balance Sheet of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1882:—

RECEIPTS.

1882,	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.—Balance	112	11	7
Dec. 31.—Subscriptions and Lectures	1,993	4	2
„ Maps and Memoirs	1,577	11	11
„ Books	97	13	6
„ Photographs	14	16	11
	<u>£3,795</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31.—Exploration	889	4	9
„ Maps and Memoirs	1,372	16	11
„ Salaries and wages, Rent, Advertising, Stationery, Bookbinding, Office and Sundries, Books and Translations	644	2	3
„ Lecture expenses	45	17	0
„ Postage	88	10	11
„ Printing	391	12	0
„ Balance	363	14	3
	<u>£3,795</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>

Examined and found correct.

W. MORRISON,
Treasurer.

The liabilities of the Society on January 1st were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
1. Office and Printing account ..	569	12	4
2. Memoirs	669	6	6
3. Maps	825	7	2

On the first account a reduction of £200 has been already made, on the second of £407, and on the third of £250. The liabilities on the Map account will of course be cleared by the sale of the Maps.

The assets of the Society are—(1) the amount still due for the Memoirs, viz., £881 5s.: (2) the amount due for Maps, viz., £84 11s.: (3) the copies of the Memoirs which still remain unsubscribed: (4) the copyrights of books, engraved plates, negatives, and photographs: and (5) the office furniture, books, and scientific instruments. To these assets may be added the promised annual subscriptions. Subscribers will understand that the liabilities on the Maps and Memoirs account have nothing to do with the General Fund, and that the debts of the General Fund consist almost entirely of the printing bills.

As regards the general expenditure, the Survey party came home in the spring, so that the exploration expenses were much less than was anticipated. The division of the whole shows the following proportions. It will be observed that the management expenses are pretty nearly a fixed sum, viz., between six and seven hundred pounds a year, whatever else be spent.

Exploration	25·90	per cent.
Maps and Memoirs	39·98	„
Postage	2·57	„
Printing	11·39	„
Management and Lecture expenses	20·16	„

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