

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND

NOTES AND NEWS.

With this number is completed the "Survey of the Jaulân," by Herr Schumacher. The work was originally executed for the German Palestine Exploration Society, and published in their "Zeitschrift." We have been enabled to translate it by the kind permission of the Committee of that Society, and have obtained from Herr Bâdeker all the blocks for the illustration of the work.

It has been printed with large margins, so that while it is uniform with the *Quarterly Statement*, and may be bound up with that journal, subscribers may detach it and have it bound in the same form and size, and with a similar cover, as Captain Conder's works.

The Committee will be happy to exchange bound copies for the unbound copies presented with the *Quarterly Statement*, at the price of 1s. 6d. each, to cover binding and postage.

With the July or the October number will be presented Herr Schumacher's Survey of Pella, the city to which the Christians fled on the outbreak of the troubles in Jerusalem. There are many drawings and plans to accompany this memoir.

Herr Schick follows up his paper on the discovery of Constantine's Pavement with Notes which demand careful attention. Sir Charles Wilson has added remarks upon these Notes, which separate theory from fact. It is greatly to be hoped that the Russian Society will carry on this work, which is upon their own ground. The discovery of the two pavements, the supposed ditch of the second wall, the granite columns, open up questions of the highest importance.

The List of Old Testament names and identifications was issued last year. That of New Testament names, which contains the references in Josephus to the New Testament places, is nearly ready. It will be issued before the end of April. Subscribers can have copies of the latter, separate, at 1s., and of the two together, in paper cover, for 3s., and bound for 3s. 6d., by application to the office only. To the general public the price of the book will be 6s. 6d.

Meantime, with the view of clearing off the MSS. which await publication, the Committee have resolved on issuing an edition in form similar to, and uniform with, the "Survey of Western Palestine," of the following works:—

1. Conder's "Survey of Eastern Palestine," so far as completed. The MS. is very voluminous, containing as much as will make a volume equal in size to those of the "Memoirs" in the "Survey of Western Palestine." None of it has been published; the drawings are very numerous, and of the deepest interest to the student of prehistoric monuments, as well as for the illustration of the Bible.
2. The Archeological Mission of M. Clemeant-Ganneau, with the drawings of M. Le Comte.
These drawings are many hundreds in number, and executed in the finest style. They figure a vast number of monuments and ruins not in the "Memoirs."
3. The Flora and Fauna of the Wady Arabah, by J. Chichester Hart, Esq., accompanied by many drawings of plants, &c., in the best style.

The editions will be limited to 500. The first 250 subscribers will pay seven guineas for the three volumes; subscribers to the "Survey of Western Palestine" will be privileged to have the volumes for this sum. The price will be raised, after 250 names are received, to twelve guineas. The Committee are pledged never to let any copies be subscribed under the sum of seven guineas. Mr. A. P. Watt, 2, Paternoster Square, is the agent.

The Director of the Palestine Pilgrims' Text Society promises the following works for the year 1888 :—

The Pilgrimage of the Abbot Daniel—now ready.

The Norman-French Description of the Holy Land and of Jerusalem—ready in May.

The Travels of Nasir-i-Khosrau, translated by Mr. Guy le Strange—in June.

Arculfus de Locis Sanctis, translated by Rev. R. Macpherson—in June.

Two Letters, from Sir Joseph de Lancy, Knight Hospitaller, to King Edward the First, endorsed "News from Syria," and from the King to Sir Joseph.

The Report and Balance-sheet of this Society for the last year are now ready. Readers will note that the library it is forming of pilgrims, geographers, and historians is quite unique, and cannot be procured except by subscribing to the Society.

The friends of the Society are earnestly requested to use the "Memoirs of Twenty-one Years' Work," as a means of showing what the work has been, and what remains to be done.

An announcement was recently made in the papers to the effect that, among the Sidon sarcophagi, was one containing the body of Alexander the Great. So far the news is not confirmed, and there seems every reason to doubt the fact, unless the details given by the historians are all wrong.

Subscribers are very earnestly asked :—(1) To pay their subscriptions early in the year—say in January. (2) To pay them direct to Coutts and Co. by a banker's order. (3) If they would rather choose their own time, to send up their subscriptions without being reminded. The Clerical Staff of the Society is small; it is most desirable not to increase it; and if these simple requests are attended to a great saving of clerical labour, postage, and stationery is effected. For instance, there are, say, 3,000 subscribers. If every one of these waits to be reminded, and has to have a receipt sent to him, the Society has to spend £25 a year in postage, and to write 6,000 letters, merely to ask for and to acknowledge the receipt of the subscriptions.

The following books are now published uniform in size and appearance :—
Conder's "Tent Work;" Conder's "Heth and Moab;" Schumacher's "Across the Jordan;" "The Memoirs of Twenty-One Years' Work;" Conder's "Syrian Stone Lore;" Conder's "Altaic Inscriptions," and Schumacher's "Jaulan." Subscribers can have the whole set, together with Hull's "Mount Seir," and Names and Places, for 32s., carriage free.

Mr. Armstrong has prepared a list of the photographs belonging to the Society arranged alphabetically according to those Bible names which are illustrated by views. This list is now ready. Those who wish for a copy may send in their names.

The income of the Society, from December 14th, 1887, to March 21st, 1888, inclusive, was—from subscriptions and donations, £492 3s. 3d.; from all sources, £971 12s. 1d. The expenditure during the same period was £864 15s. 5d. On March 23rd the balance in the Banks was £328 6s. 6d.

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.

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 by publishing them in the *Quarterly Statement* they neither sanction nor adopt them.

The only authorised lecturers for the Society are—

- (1) Mr. George St. Clair, F.G.S., who has lately returned from his Eastern tour, and is giving Lectures for the Society in all parts of Great Britain. His subjects are—

- (1) *The Buried City of Jerusalem*, and General Exploration of the Holy Land. Numerous diagrams.
- (2) *Buried Cities of the East*. Numerous diagrams.
- (3) *Sight-seeing in Palestine*. Lantern views, where local help can be obtained.

Address: G. St. Clair, Bristol Road, Birmingham; or at the Office of the Fund.

- (2) 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. Illustrated by original photographs shown as "dissolving views."

- (3) 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.

- (4) The Rev. James Neil, formerly Incumbent of Christ Church, Jerusalem.