

THE  
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

THE death of the Rev. J. Leslie Porter, D.D., President of Queen's College, Belfast, removes another of the earliest supporters of this Society, and one of the most distinguished names in Palestine travel. He was born in 1823, and educated at the University of Glasgow first and that of Edinburgh next. In 1849 he went on a mission to Syria, where he remained for five years, taking every opportunity that offered of travelling in the country. On returning to Ireland he was appointed Professor of Biblical Criticism in the Assembly and College, Belfast. He has been since 1879 President of Queen's College, Belfast. Among his works are "Five Years in Damascus," 1855; "A Handbook for Syria," 1858; "The Giant Cities of Bashan," 1865; and many articles in Smith's "Bible Dictionary" and the "Journal of Sacred Literature."

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Herr Schick reports some additional discoveries brought to light during the reconstruction of the carriage road north of the city wall, viz., traces of an ancient wall and towers outside and along the present wall (*see* p. 63).

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He also describes an important discovery of the foundation of a portion of the ancient city wall, the stones having the Jewish draft and similar to those in the Haram wall, whilst the workmen were clearing the ground in the Latin Patriarch's garden near the north-east corner of the city (*see* plan and sections, p. 65).

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Herr Schick continues his report of the cave found last year in the Russian property east of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; the excavations have been stopped for the time, but will be resumed after Easter (*see* p. 67).

In the present number of the *Quarterly Statement* will also be found an account, with plans and sections, by Herr Schumacher, of the large cave with chambers, cisterns, and tombs, &c., recently discovered under the convent yard of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth.

Herr Schumacher also describes, with illustrations, some curious remains and antiques that were found at "J'aûni" (near Safed) and at esh-Shejara (on the road between Kefr Kenna and Tiberias).

The Committee have decided to place all their books in the hands of Mr. A. P. Watt, who has been for some years their agent in the "Survey of Western Palestine" and the "Survey of Eastern Palestine." This change, it must be explained, is made solely with a view to the convenience of having everything in the same hands. Subscribers can continue, as heretofore, to take the books from the office. Mr. Watt's address is 2, Paternoster Square.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
31st DECEMBER, 1888.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
January 1, 1888—	£	s. d.			
To Balance .. ..	215	15 9	By Printers and Binders	1,057	1 2
December 31, 1888—			Maps, Illustrations, and Photographs..	408	3 5
Donations, Subscriptions, and Lectures .. ..	2,079	13 10	Exploration.. ..	283	0 0
Maps and Memoirs .. ..	380	2 9	Stationery, Advertis- ing, and Sundries	71	12 7½
Publications .. ..	289	3 11	Postage, Parcels, the <i>Quarterly State- ment, &amp;c...</i> .. ..	172	7 0½
Photographs .. ..	22	1 10	Salaries and Wages	260	1 2
			Rent.. ..	121	0 0
			Paid off Liabilities..	211	3 8
			Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1888..	402	9 0
				£2,986	18 1
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W. MORRISON,  
*Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The year, though by no means barren of discoveries, has been, from the financial point of view, one of printing and publishing results. Our expenditure



The edition is limited to 500. The first 250 subscribers pay seven guineas for the three volumes, with an index; subscribers to the "Survey of Western Palestine" are 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 Sole Agent.

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The Committee announce that they have added to their list of publications the new edition of the "History of Jerusalem," by Walter Besant and E. H. Palmer. It can be obtained by subscribers, carriage paid, for 5s. 6d., by application to the Head Office only. The whole set (*see below*) of the Society's works, including this book, can be obtained by application to Mr. George Armstrong, for 37s. 6d., carriage paid. The "History of Jerusalem," which was originally published in 1871, and has long been completely out of print, covers a period and is compiled from materials not included in any other work, though some of the contents have been plundered by later works on the same subject. It begins with the siege by Titus and continues to the fourteenth century, including the Early Christian period, the Moslem invasion, the Mediæval pilgrims, the Mohammedan pilgrims, the Crusades, the Latin Kingdom, the victorious career of Saladin, the Crusade of Children, and many other little-known episodes in the history of the city and the country.

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The books now contained in the Society's publications comprise an amount of information on Palestine, and on the researches conducted in the country, which can be found in no other publications. It must never be forgotten that no single traveller, however well equipped by previous knowledge, can compete with a scientific body of explorers, instructed in the periods required, and provided with all the instruments necessary for carrying out their work. The books are the following:—

By Major Conder, R.E.—

- (1) "Tent Work in Palestine."—A popular account of the survey of Western Palestine, freely illustrated by drawings made by the author himself. This is not a dry record of the sepulchres, or a descriptive catalogue of ruins, springs, and valleys, but a continuous narrative full of observations upon the manners and customs of the people, the Biblical associations of the sites, the Holy City and its memories, and is based upon a six years' experience in the country itself. No other modern traveller has enjoyed the same advantages as Major Conder, or has used his opportunities to better purpose.
- (2) "Heth and Moab."—Under this title Major Conder provides a narrative, as bright and as full of interest as "Tent Work," of the expedition for the *Survey of Eastern Palestine*. How the party began by a flying visit

to North Syria, in order to discover the Holy City—Kadesh—of the children of Heth; how they fared across the Jordan, and what discoveries they made there, will be found in this volume.

- (3) Major Conder's "Syrian Stone Lore."—This volume, the least known of Major Conder's works, is, perhaps, the most valuable. It attempts a task never before approached—the reconstruction of Palestine from its monuments. It shows what we should know of Syria if there were no Bible, and it illustrates the Bible from the monuments.
- (4) Major Conder's "Altaic Inscriptions."—This book is an attempt to read the Hittite Inscriptions. The author has seen no reason to change his views since the publication of the work.
- (5) Professor Hull's "Mount Seir."—This is a popular account of the Geological Expedition conducted by Professor Hull for the Committee of the Palestine Fund. The part which deals with the Valley of Arabah will be found entirely new and interesting.
- (6) Herr Schumacher's "Across the Jordan."
- (7) Herr Schumacher's "Jaulán."—These two books must be taken in continuation of Major Conder's works issued as instalments of the unpublished "Survey of Eastern Palestine." They are full of drawings, sketches, and plans, and contain many valuable remarks upon manners and customs.
- (8) The Memoirs of Twenty-one Years' Work.—A copy of this book is presented to every subscriber to the Fund who applies for it. The work is a popular account of the researches conducted by the Society during the past twenty-one years of its existence. It will be found not only valuable in itself as an interesting work, but also as a book of reference, and especially useful in order to show what has been doing, and is still doing, by this Society.
- (9) Herr Schumacher's Kh. Fahlil. The ancient Pella, the first retreat of the Christians; with map and illustrations.
- (10) Names and Places in the Old and New Testament and Apocrypha, with their modern identifications, with reference to Josephus, the Memoirs, and *Quarterly Statements*.
- (11) Besant and Palmer's "History of Jerusalem," already described.

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The publications for the year 1889, besides those already mentioned, include Schumacher's "Abila" and his "Southern Ajlún." The former will be ready about the end of April.

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Mr. Guy le Strange's work on Palestine according to the Arabic Geographers is completed in manuscript, and will be published in the autumn. Particulars as to contents, price, &c., will appear in the next number.

Mr. Harper's important work on the Illustrations of the Bible obtained from modern researches and observation, is also in the printer's hands, and will be out in the autumn. Its contents, &c., will be duly announced.

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Work at Jerusalem and elsewhere will be continued as opportunity may offer. Should the long-hoped for Firman be granted, the survey of Eastern Palestine will be renewed.

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Branch Associations of the Bible Society, all Sunday Schools in union with the Sunday School Institute, the Sunday School Union, and the Wesleyan Sunday School Institute, will please observe that by a special Resolution of the Committee they will henceforth be treated as subscribers and be allowed to purchase the books and maps (by application only to the Secretary) at reduced price.

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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.

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The income of the Society, from December 21st to March 20th, inclusive, was—from subscriptions and donations, £550 1s. 10d.; from all sources, £884 12s. 9d. The expenditure during the same period was £1,078 9s. 10d. This amount includes £400 liabilities paid off. On March 23rd, the balance in the Bank was £267 0s. 6d.

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It does not seem generally known that cases for binding the *Quarterly Statement* can be had by subscribers, on application to the office.

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Subscribers are begged to note that the following:—

1. Index to the *Quarterly Statement*, 1869–1880;
2. Cases for Herr Schumacher's "Jaulán;"
3. Cases for the *Quarterly Statement*, in green or chocolate—

Can be had by application to the office at 1s. each.

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Early numbers of the *Quarterly Statement* are very rare. In order to make up complete sets the Committee will be very glad to receive any of the following numbers:—

No. II, 1869; No. VII, 1870; No. III (July) 1871; January and April, 1872; January, 1883, and January, 1886.

It has come to the knowledge of the Committee that certain book hawkers are representing themselves as agents of the Society. The Committee have to caution subscribers that they have no book hawkers in their employ, and that none of their works are sold by any itinerant agents.

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

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As many inquiries have been made about transparent slides, a selection will be made from the photographs of the Society for this purpose. Subscribers wishing to have any are requested to communicate with the Assistant Secretary.

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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 only authorised lecturers for the Society are—

- (1) Mr. George St. Clair, F.G.S., Member of the Anthropological Institute and of the Society of Biblical Archaeology.

His subjects are:—

- (1) *The General Exploration of Palestine.*
- (2) *Jerusalem Buried and Recovered.*
- (3) *Buried Cities, Egypt and Palestine.*
- (4) *Buried Cities of Mesopotamia*, with some account of the Hittites.
- (5) *The Moabite Stone and the Pedigree of the English Alphabet.*

Address: Geo. 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, and all illustrated by original photographs shown as "dissolving views:"—

*The Survey of Western Palestine, as illustrating Bible History.  
 Palestine East of the Jordan.  
 The Jerusalem Excavations.  
 A Restoration of Ancient Jerusalem.*

- (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. Thomas Harrison, F.R.G.S., Member of the Society of Biblical Archæology, 38, Melrose Gardens, West Kensington Park, W. His subjects are as follows :—

- (1) *Research and Discovery in the Holy Land.*
  - (2) *In the Track of the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan.*
  - (3) *Bible Scenes in the Light of Modern Science.*
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