

[QUARTERLY STATEMENT, APRIL, 1891.]

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Fund has sustained a great loss in the death of the late Archbishop of York. His Grace always took keen personal interest in the conduct of the Society, and for twenty-four years had been its President. His knowledge of Palestine subjects was extensive, as shown in his articles in Smith's "Dictionary of the Bible," and in the work which he edited, called "Aids to Faith." During the years 1869 and 1870 he attended the meetings of the Committee, and advised upon important matters in the beginning of the Society's operations in the Holy Land.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has kindly consented to become the new President of the Fund. His Grace has written the following letter to the Chairman :—

"LAMBETH PALACE, S.E.

"My dear Sir,—I am greatly honoured by the request of yourself and the Committee that I should accept the Presidency of the Palestine Exploration Fund.

"It gives me very much pleasure to accept the position. I have always felt the greatest interest in the work of the Society, which has, with a steady progress, become so extensive and has so deepened our intelligence of the Bible History.

"I thank you much for the monograph on Lachish.

"Very truly yours,
" (Signed) E. W. CANTUAR.

"JAMES GLAISHER, Esq."

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. Henry Geary, Vicar of St. Thomas's, Portman Square, who was for more than twenty years one of the lecturers for the Fund. Mr. Walter Besant writes respecting him:—

"I have known Henry Geary for many years, ever since we were students together in the same year at King's College, London. He was the classical scholar, I believe, of his year. He went to Cambridge the year after me, and I saw him little, but still occasionally, and always with the old *camaraderie* that exists between fellow-students.

"He was always intended for Holy Orders, and he always, from the first, concentrated his whole work and attention upon such branches as would prove most useful in after life. For instance, he saw that Greek and Latin would be more useful to him as a clergyman than science, and he chose Greek and Latin. Also, he very early understood what many, or most, clergymen fail to understand, that he who has the gift of speech and cultivates it, doubles and trebles his powers of usefulness as a clergyman. Therefore, with the object of developing his own gift of speech, which was very considerable, he spoke often at the Debating Society of King's and at the University, Cambridge.

"He began his life's work, I believe, at St. James' Piccadilly. From that church he went to Herne Bay, where he held a living for many years, being transferred about ten years ago to the church of Portman Square. Perhaps, had he lived, further advancement would have been given to him.

"His connection with the Fund sprung entirely out of his interest in the work. For some years he lectured a great deal for the Society, and he never ceased his interest in the work and his belief in the great importance of its results and discoveries. The Society has lost in Geary a true and tried friend.

"W.B."

The premises at 1, Adam Street, being now too small for the purposes of the Fund, the Committee, after long and careful enquiry and consideration, have taken rooms at 24, Hanover Square, W., which will afford space not only for the ordinary work of the office, but also for the exhibition of the most interesting of the objects which have been collected from time to time by the officers of the Fund.

After spending a month in Egypt with Mr. Petric, Mr. F. G. Bliss proceeded to Jaffa and Jerusalem, where he has been engaged in making preparations for the exploration work at Tell el Hesi. Mr. Petrie has advised that the first month should be spent in working over the low west town, which is Amorite, and must be explored and turned over before the hill is touched, so that earth can be then thrown down upon it from the hill. Mr. Bliss has arranged with the Governor of Jerusalem for the services of the Effendi who was with Mr. Petrie last year. The weather has been very severe, and this caused some delay. A Russian ship has been driven ashore at Jaffa, but all the passengers and crew, except two or three, were saved. Mr. Bliss is now at Tell el Hesi. His first reports will be found in the present number.

We have received from the Foreign Office a copy of a letter from Mr. W. H. Kayat, reporting that, owing to his endeavours, the Siloam Inscription has been

recovered and handed over to the Turkish authorities. The Greek, in whose possession it was found (see *Quarterly Statement*, January, 1891, page 2) stated that he bought it for thirty-five napoleons, from a Fellah, whose name he could not remember. Unfortunately, the stone bearing the Inscription has been broken in removal.

Mr. Henry Gillman, of Jerusalem, writes :—

“You will be interested in knowing that both the Siloam Inscriptions¹ have been recovered, and are now in the possession of the local Turkish authorities. I saw them recently in the *salon* of the Governor of Jerusalem in the wooden case in which they are to be shipped to the Museum at Constantinople, by order of the Government.”

In examining the interior of the vaults known as “Solomon’s Stables,” in the Haram Area at Jerusalem, which have been partially cleared out by the Moslems, Mr. G. R. Lees has discovered the spring of an ancient arch similar to “Robinson’s Arch.” It is situated about 57 feet from the inside of the southern wall and about 175 feet from the inside of the eastern wall of the enclosure. Close to this spring of an arch a subterranean passage was found by the Rev. J. E. Hanauer running in a south-easterly direction. These discoveries having been reported by Mr. Lees and Mr. Hanauer to Herr Schick, he has made a plan and section showing them, which will be published in the next *Quarterly Statement*, together with a photograph by Mr. Lees, and an article on the subject by Thomas Wrightson, Esq., M.I.C.E.

Mr. G. R. Lees reports that some tombs situated 350 yards north of the Damascus Gate having been opened, a number of *ossuaires* were discovered, some ornamented, some plain, and two bearing inscriptions. Squeezes of these inscriptions have reached us as we are going to press, but too late for reproduction in the present number.

A Committee which has been formed to consider how Jerusalem may be provided with a plentiful supply of water, met on March 4th, at the house of Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P. A subscription was opened for defrayment of preliminary expenses, and a Sub-Committee chosen for carrying out the object in view. An important feature of this movement is that several leading members of the London Jewish Community have joined the Committee.

Dr. Post’s second essay on “The Sects and Nationalities of Palestine,” is published in the present number. The first of this important series of papers appeared in the *Quarterly Statement* for April, 1890.

¹ One of these appears to be the forgery alluded to in the *Quarterly Statement* for January, 1891, page 3. A copy of it is in the office of the Fund.
—[Ed.]

Mr. F. J. Bliss has furnished an elaborate paper on "The Maronites," which will shortly be published.

Mr. W. H. Kayat, who was Acting British Consul at Jerusalem at the time Mr. Flinders Petrie was robbed (see *Quarterly Statement*, 1890, page 237) has written to say that he made a strong representation to the Governor of Jerusalem on the subject, and also communicated with the Kaimakam of Hebron, who caused three Sheikhs from Dawaimah to be imprisoned for six weeks, but with no result, so far as the detection of the robbers was concerned. The guide engaged by Mr. Petrie from Dawaimah was also imprisoned, but refused to disclose the names of the offenders. Mr. Petrie writes (from Egypt) that he has no doubt "Mr. Kayat acted with the best good will in his representations," and that the want of success "was not due to lack of action on his part."

The returns of the meteorological observations made by Dr. Torrance at Tiberias during the past two years have been received. These will be of quite exceptional interest, owing to the position of that place, 682 feet below the level of the Mediterranean.

Last year some meteorological instruments were entrusted by the Fund to Mr. Lethaby, the missionary of Kerak. Unfortunately the *maximum* and *minimum* thermometers having become damaged have been sent back to be repaired. The rain gauge and dry and wet bulb thermometers are, however, in working order, and in spite of all the difficulties of his position, Mr. Lethaby "hopes for success at last" in securing a reliable series of observations. Those who have read Mr. Gray Hill's recent experiences at Kerak will appreciate Mr. Lethaby's courage and determination.

It may be well to mention that plans and photographs alluded to in the reports from Jerusalem and elsewhere cannot all be published, but all are preserved in the offices of the Fund, where they may be seen by subscribers.

The first volume of the "Survey of Eastern Palestine," by Major Conder has been issued to subscribers. It is accompanied by a map of the portion of country surveyed, special plans, and upwards of 350 drawings of ruins, tombs, dolmens, stone circles, inscriptions, &c. The edition is limited to 500. The first 250 subscribers pay seven guineas for the three volumes; 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. The attention of intending subscribers is directed to the announcement after Maps and before Contents of this number.

Mr. H. Chichester Hart's "Fauna and Flora of Sinai, Petra, and the Wady 'Arabah" has been completed and sent out to subscribers.

The following ladies and gentlemen have kindly consented to act as Honorary Local Secretaries :

Miss Mary Adelaide Lewis, The Deanery, Bangor.

Miss Garnons Williams, Abercamlais, Brecon.

Rev. Maurice Day, Killiney, Co. Dublin.

Rev. Arthur McCullagh, M.A., St. Hilda's Church, Hartlepool.

Benjamin Holgate, Esq., Regents House, Grosvenor Road, Headingley, Leeds,

Rev. J. Mitchell, 57, Parkgate Road, Chester.

Rev. E. Herbruck, Ph.D., Editor of the "Christian World," Dayton, Ohio.

The Committee have to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Library of the Fund, viz.:-

"Les Antiquités Sémitiques," by M. Clermont-Ganneau, from the Author.

"De Bordeaux à Jerusalem," by Le Frère Meunier, from the Author.

Reports of the Smithsonian Institute, 1888.

The Committee have added to their list of publications the new edition of the "History of Jerusalem," by Walter Besant and E. H. Palmer (Bentley & Son). It can be obtained by subscribers, carriage paid, for 5s. 6d., by application to the Head Office only. 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.

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 (*the whole set can be obtained by application to Mr. George Armstrong, for £2, carriage paid to any part in the United Kingdom only*):—

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 "Jaulân."—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."—This 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. Fâhil." 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.

(12) Northern 'Ajlûn "Within the Decapolis," by Herr Schumacher.

To the above must now be added Mr. Henry A. Harper's "The Bible and Modern Discoveries," a cheap edition of which has recently been issued—price to the public, 7s. 6d.; to subscribers to the Fund, 5s. Mr. Guy le Strange's important work "Palestine under the Moslems," price to the public, 12s. 6d.; to subscribers to the Fund, 8s. 6d.; and Mr. Flinders Petrie's account of his excavations at Tell el Hesÿ (Lachish), price to the public 10s.; to subscribers to the Fund, 6s. 6d.

The work of Mr. Guy le Strange on "Palestine under the Moslems" was published in April, 1890.

For a long time it had been desired by the Committee to present to the world some of the great hoards of information about Palestine which lie buried in the Arabic texts of the Moslem geographers and travellers of the Middle Ages. Some few of the works, or parts of the works, have been already translated into Latin, French, and German. Hardly anything has been done with them in English, and no attempt has ever been made to systematise, compare, and annotate them.

This has now been done for the Society by Mr. Guy le Strange. The work is divided into chapters on Syria, Palestine, Jerusalem, and Damascus, the provincial capitals and chief towns, and the legends related by the writers consulted. These writers begin with the ninth century and continue until the fifteenth. The volume contains maps and illustrations required for the elucidation of the text.

The Committee have great confidence that this work—so novel, so useful to students of mediæval history, and to all those interested in the continuous story of the Holy Land—will meet with the success which its learned author deserves. The price to subscribers to the Fund is 8s. 6d.; to the public, 12s. 6d.

The new map of Palestine, so long in hand, is now ready. It embraces both sides of the Jordan, and extends from Baalbek in the north to Kadesh Barnea in the south. All the modern names are in black; over these are printed in red the Old Testament and Apocrypha names. The New Testament, Josephus, and Talmudic names are in blue, and the tribal possessions are tinted in colours, giving clearly all the identifications up to date. It is the most comprehensive map that has been published, and will be invaluable to universities, colleges, schools, &c.

It is published in 21 sheets, with paper cover; price to subscribers to the Fund, 24s., to the public, £2. It can be had mounted on cloth, rollers, and varnished for hanging. The size is 8 feet by 6 feet. The cost of mounting will be extra (*see* Maps).

The third edition of Mr. Henry A. Harper's book, on "The Bible and Modern Discoveries," having been sold out, a new and cheap edition was

issued in February. The work is an endeavour to present in a simple but yet connected form the Biblical results of twenty-two years' work of the Palestine Exploration Fund. The writer has also availed himself of the discoveries made by the American Expeditions and the Egyptian Exploration Fund, as well as discoveries of interest made by independent travellers. The Bible story, from the call of Abraham to the Captivity, is taken, and details given of the light thrown by modern research on the sacred annals. Eastern customs and modes of thought are explained whenever the writer thought they illustrated the text. To the Clergy and Sunday School Teachers, as well as to all those who love the Bible, the writer hopes this work will prove useful. He is personally acquainted with the land, and nearly all the places spoken of he has visited, and most of them he has moreover sketched or painted. The work is illustrated with many plates, and a map showing the route of the Israelites and the sites of the principal places mentioned in the sacred narratives. It should be noted that the book is admirably adapted for the school or village library.

Branch Associations of the Bible Society, all Sunday School unions within 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.

The income of the Society, from December 19th to March 21st, was—from annual subscriptions and donations, including Local Societies, £704 17s. 8d.; from all sources, £1,254 0s. 8d. The expenditure during the same period was £1,277 15s. 0d. On March 21st, the balance in the Bank was £754 4s. 2d.

Subscribers are begged to note that the following can be had by application to the office, at 1s. each:—

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.
 4. Cases for "Abila," "Pella," and "'Ajlûn" in one volume.
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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, 1871; January and April, 1872; January, 1883, and January, 1886.

It having again been reported to the Committee that certain book hawkers are representing themselves as agents of the Society, the Committee have to caution subscribers and the public that they have no book hawkers in their employ, and that none of their works are sold by itinerant agents.

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.

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.

The only authorised lecturers for the Society are—

- (1) The Rev. Thomas Harrison, F.R.G.S., Member of the Society of Biblical Archaeology. Address: Rev. Thomas Harrison, 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.*
- (4) *Eastern Palestine.*
- (5) *The Dead Sea and the Cities of the Plain.*

- (2) The Rev. Charles Chidlow, M.A., Caio Vicarage, Llandilo:—

Recent Discoveries in Bible Lands.

Application for Lectures may be either addressed to the Secretary, 1, Adam Street, or sent to the address of the Lecturers.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31ST DECEMBER, 1890.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1889 ..	375	6	5	By Exploration.. ..	550	17	6
Donations and Subscriptions	2,674	18	1	Printing and Binding, including <i>Quarterly Statement</i>	790	15	10
Proceeds of Lectures ..	26	14	8	Maps, Lithographs, Photographs, Illustrations, &c., including those for the <i>Quarterly Statement</i>	583	7	9
Sales of Memoirs of Western and Eastern Surveys, and Books published by the Society	619	17	4	Management, including Rent, Salaries, Wages, Advertising, Insurance, Stationery, &c.	587	6	5
Sale of Maps	278	16	10	Postage and Carriage of <i>Quarterly Statement</i> , Books and Maps	142	7	10
Sale of Photographs ..	25	9	7	Liabilities paid off ..	535	0	0
				Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1890 ..	811	7	7
	£4,001	2	11		£4,001	2	11

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT.

In the absence of Mr. Morrison, it becomes my duty to make the following remarks on the balance sheet. The subscriptions and donations show a large increase on those of the year 1889. This is due to an appeal for funds for carrying on the excavations in Palestine, which brought in about £1,000.

The expenditure amounts to £3,189 15s. 4d. This sum is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Exploration	550	17	6
Publications	1,374	3	7
Management	587	6	5
Postage of Books, Maps, and <i>Quarterly Statement</i>	142	7	10
Liabilities paid off	535	0	0

The Society is this day (March 17th) practically out of debt. There is a sum of about £350 due to the printers. This, however, is a liability which varies considerably from time to time. The apparent discrepancy between the amount received from the sale of publications and that expended upon them, is mainly due to the fact that the *Quarterly Statement* is given to all subscribers—an arrangement which gives stability to the Society, but costs between £300 and £400 a year. When allowance is made for this, it will be found that the difference is very slight; and indeed it disappears if the stock of maps and books in the hands of the Society be taken into account.

(Signed) JAMES GLAISHER,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.