

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Mr. BLISS's report of his latest excavations at Tell el Hesi will be found in the present number. The Executive Committee have applied to the Sublime Porte for a firman for excavating elsewhere.

Though no more tablets with cuneiform inscriptions have come to light at Tell el Hesi, discoveries of great interest have been made there, such as lamps, inscribed pottery, weapons, &c. One of the most interesting and important discoveries is a smelting furnace *for iron*, attributed by Mr. Bliss to 1400 B.C., which shows that working in iron was well known to the people of that country at a very early period, as indicated in Judges i, 19, and other passages in the Bible.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the liberal support hitherto extended to their efforts in carrying out these excavations, and trust that all interested in unravelling the past history of the Holy Land will continue to contribute towards this promising field of inquiry.

No one knows more about "underground Jerusalem" than Mr. Baurath Schick. He has lived, studied, and worked in the Holy City for more than 40 years, and it will doubtless interest subscribers to read the history of his opinions respecting the site of Calvary which is published in this issue of the *Quarterly Statement*. A paper by Mr. Schick on the course of the second wall is in type, but postponed till next quarter in consequence of the non-arrival of the plan which is to illustrate it.

On January 24-5th a violent storm of wind amounting to a "real hurricane" occurred at Jerusalem, doing much damage to houses, trees, &c. There was also a heavy fall of snow, so that the traveller in the mountains "might think himself to be in Switzerland." The railway, which had been injured by the heavy autumnal rains, is again in working order, and the trains run regularly to and from Jaffa.

The Executive Committee having heard with deep regret of the sudden death, at Chicago, of Colonel G. E. Grover, R.E., who was formerly a Member of the Executive Committee, and had rendered important service to the Fund, it was unanimously resolved at their meeting on February 7th, that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Grover on her sad and sudden bereavement.

The following is, by permission, reprinted from the "Journal of the Society of Arts," for March 3rd :—

THE LATE COLONEL GROVER.

The following letter, containing a resolution passed at a meeting of Foreign Commissioners and officers of the Chicago Exhibition, has been received :—

World's Columbian Exposition,
January 31, 1893.

Sir Henry Trueman Wood,
*Secretary, Royal Commission of Great Britain,
for the World's Columbian Exposition.*

My Dear Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that a meeting was held in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Jackson Park, at noon to-day, all the Commissioners of foreign countries and the officials of the Exposition being present. The Director-General presided, and the Secretary of the Department recorded.

Addresses of affection and regret were made by the Director-General, the Honourable Walker Fearn, Chief of Foreign Affairs, and the Honourable Adolf Wermuth, Imperial German Commissioner, and, as expressing the sense of the meeting, the following was adopted :—

"It having pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our late associate, Colonel George Edward Grover, of the Royal Engineers, the Official Representative of the British Commission to the World's Columbian Exposition, we desire to record our appreciation of the worth and high character of this distinguished gentleman; of his brilliant abilities as an executive officer, and of his singularly lovable personality; and we tender to the Royal Commission the assurance of our deep sense of the common loss, and to his afflicted widow and family our heartfelt sympathy and lasting condolence."

It was decided to attend the funeral in a body, and the meeting adjourned.

I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) RICHARD LEE FEARN, *Secretary,*
Department of Foreign Affairs.

The Rev. Theodore E. Dowling, Hon. Sec. for Jerusalem, during his late trip through Australasia, acting on behalf of the Committee, has secured the services of the following gentlemen as Honorary Secretaries in Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand :—

Hon. Sec. for Southern District, New South Wales, the Rev. Alfred George Stoddart, Southern Forrester, N.S.W.; Hon. Sec. for Tasmania, Major Ernest

Townshend Wallach, General Staff, Tasmanian Forces, Head-quarters Office, Hobart; Hon. Sec. for Oamaru, Province of Otago, New Zealand, the Rev. Frank Seth-Smith; Hon. Sec. for Nelson, New Zealand, Colonel Branfil.

Travellers and others will please note that maps, books, &c., can be obtained at the Rooms of the Jerusalem Association of the Fund, Jerusalem. Rev. T. E. Dowling, Hon. Sec.

After two years' study of the published texts of the tablets found at Tell Amarna, Major Conder has completed a translation of them which the Committee of the Fund have published. In this, as in all their publications, the Committee beg it to be understood that the author alone is responsible for the opinions put forward.

The Committee have appointed the Rev. Professor Theodore Wright, Hon. General Secretary to the Fund in the U.S.A., to be their representative at the Chicago Exhibition.

The following may be had on application to the Assistant Secretary at the Office of the Fund, viz. :—

Casts of the Tablet with a Cuneiform Inscription found at Tell el Hesi, price 2s. 6d. each.

Casts of the Ancient Hebrew Weight brought by Dr. Chaplin from Samaria, price 2s. 6d. each.

Casts of an Inscribed Weight or Bead from Palestine, forwarded by Professor Wright, Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A., price 1s. each.

Photographs of Tell el Hesi, showing the excavations, price 1s. each.

The following gentlemen have kindly consented to act as Honorary Local Secretaries: The Rev. J. M. Otto Greensboro, Ala., U.S.A.; The Rev. S. F. Maynard, Gressingham Vicarage, Lancaster; The Rev. G. G. S. Thomas, 2, Princess Terrace, Ripon; The Rev. P. A. Gordon Clark, West Free Church, Perth; The Rev. J. T. Barber, Falls Church, Va., U.S.A.; The Rev. Frank P. Miller, Litchfield, Ill., U.S.A.

The first portion of M. Clermont-Ganneau's work on his Archæological Mission is in the hands of the translator.

The new railway from Jaffa to Jerusalem has been laid down on the three sheets of the large map. Scale 1 inch = 1 mile. Copies of these sheets are now ready. Price to subscribers to the work of the Fund, 2s. each; non-subscribers 2s. 6d.

The museum of the Fund, at 24, Hanover Square, is now open to subscribers between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it closes at 2 p.m.

The Committee have to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Library of the Fund :—

“The Holy City, Jerusalem, its Topography, Walls, and Temples.” By the Author, S. Russell Forbes, Ph.D.

“Forty Days in the Holy Land.” By the Authoress, Elizabeth Harcourt Mitchell.

“The Everlasting Nation.” (In 4 vols). By the Editor, Rev. A. A. Isaacs, M.A.

The Committee will be glad to receive donations of Books to the Library of the Fund, which already contains many works of great value relating to Palestine and other Bible Lands. Owing to want of space the list of Books in the Library of the Fund has had to be postponed.

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 third and revised edition of “Heth and Moab” is now ready.

A new edition of “Twenty-one Years’ Work” is in course of preparation, and will be brought down to date. The new title will be “Twenty-seven Years’ Work.” The Index to the *Quarterly Statements* is being brought down to date.

The first volume of the “Survey of Eastern Palestine,” by Major Conder, 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 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 for 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 in the fore part of this number.

Mr. H. Chichester Hart’s “Fauna and Flora of Sinai, Petra, and the Wādy ‘Arabah” has been completed and sent out to subscribers.

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 (1 to 7 and 9 to 18) can be obtained by*

subscribers to the Fund on application to the Head Office only (24, Hanover Square, W.), for £3 10s. Od., 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 "Survey of Eastern Palestine." They are full of drawings, sketches, and plans, and contain many valuable remarks upon manners and customs.

By Walter Besant, M.A.—

- (8) "The Memoirs of Twenty-one Years' Work."—This work is a popular account of the researches conducted by the Society during the twenty-one years of its existence.
- (9) Herr Schumacher's "Kh. Fahil." The ancient Pella, the first retreat of the Christians; with map and illustrations.

By George Armstrong—

- (10) **Names and Places in the Old and New Testament and Apocrypha.** This is an index to all the names and places mentioned in the Bible and New Testament, with full references and their modern identifications, as shown on the new map of Palestine.
- (11) **Besant and Palmer's "History of Jerusalem."**—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.
- (12) **Northern 'Ajlûn "Within the Decapolis,"** by Herr Schumacher.

By Henry A. Harper—

- (13) **"The Bible and Modern Discoveries."**—This work, written by a Member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund, is an endeavour to present in a simple and popular, but yet a 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 that they illustrated the text. This plain and simple method has never before been adopted in dealing with modern discovery.

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; nearly all the places spoken of he has visited, and most of them he has moreover sketched or painted. It should be noted that the book is admirably adapted for the School or Village Library.

By Guy le Strange—

- (14) **"Palestine under the Moslems."**—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.

By W. M. Flinders Petrie—

- (15) "Lachish" (one of the five strongholds of the Amorites).—An account of the excavations conducted by Mr. Petrie in the spring of 1890, with view of Tell, plans and sections, and upwards of 270 drawings of the objects found.

By Trelawney Saunders—

- (16) "An Introduction to the Survey of Western Palestine, describing its Waterways, Plains, and Highlands, with special reference to the Water Basin—(Map. No. 10)."
- (17) "The City and the Land."—A course of seven lectures on the work of the Fund.
- (18) "The Tell Amarna Tablets," including the one found at Lachish. By Major C. R. Conder, D.C.L., R.E.

The new Map of Palestine 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 is extra (*see Maps*).

In addition to the 21-sheet map, the Committee have issued as a separate Map the 12 sheets (*viz.*, Nos. 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 20-22), which include the whole of Palestine as far north as Mount Hermon, and the districts beyond Jordan as far as they are surveyed. *See key-map to the sheets.*

The price of this map, in 12 sheets, in paper cover, to subscribers to the Fund, 12s. 6d.; to the public, £1 1s.

The size of the map, mounted on cloth and roller for hanging, is 4½ feet by 6¾ feet.

Any single sheet of the map can be had separately, price, to subscribers of the Fund, 1s. 6d. Mounted on cloth to fold in the pocket suitable for travelling, 2s. To the public 2s. and 2s. 6d.

Single copies of these maps in sheets, with cover, can be sent by post to all foreign countries at extra charge of 1s.

A copy of names and places in the Old and New Testament, with their modern identifications and full references, can be had by subscribers with either of these maps at the reduced price of 2s. 6d.

The first and second parts, Vol. I., of "Felix Fabri," were issued to subscribers to the Pilgrim's Text Society in May and July of last year. Parts I and II, Vol. II, of the same work are in the press. The account of "Saewulf's Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Land" (1102 A.D.) has also been published by the same Society.

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 September 19th, 1892, to March 21st, 1893, was—from annual subscriptions and donations, including Local Societies, £1,264 9s. 7d.; from all sources—£1,644 12s. 5d. The expenditure during the same period was £1,312 15s. 11d. On March 22nd, the balance in the Bank was £620 16s. 9d.

Subscribers are requested 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 binding Herr Schumacher's "Jaulân."
3. Cases for binding the *Quarterly Statement*, in green or chocolate.
4. Cases for binding "Abila," "Pella," and "Ajlûn" in one volume.

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

No. II, 1869; Nos. VI and VII, 1870; No. III, 1871; January and April, 1872; October, 1873; January, 1874; January and October, 1875; January, 1883, and January, 1886.

It having 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.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1892.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank 31st December, 1891—			
Net Balance	£297	0	9
Subscriptions paid in advance on account of 1892	17	5	6
	314	6	3
Donations and Subscriptions	1,690	14	6
Proceeds of Lectures	104	9	3
Sales of Maps	183	14	9
Sales of Memoirs of Eastern and Western Survey of Palestine and other Books published by the Society	426	2	8
Sales of Photographs, Slides, and Casts	34	16	8
Amount of Insurance on Books paid by the Northern Insurance Company for loss and damage by fire	150	0	0
	£2,904	4	1

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Exploration	853	6	7
Printing and Binding, including the <i>Quarterly Statement</i>	613	12	1
Maps, Lithographs, Photographs, Slides, Casts, and Illustrations	224	17	7
Management, including Rent, Salaries, Wages, Advertising, Insurance, Stationery, and Sundries	665	10	2
Postage and Carriage of <i>Quarterly Statements</i> , Books, Maps, Parcels, &c.	133	6	9
Subscriptions paid in 1892 in advance for 1893	£23	0	10
Net Balance	390	10	1
Balance in Bank and cash in hand 31st December, 1892	413	10	11
	£2,904	4	1

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Examined and found correct,
W. MORRISON, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

It will be seen that the total expenditure on exploration was £853 6s. 7d. The very heavy sums paid for printing, binding, maps, lithographs, illustrations, photographs, &c., for the most part represents books and maps published by and sold by the Fund, and the *Quarterly Statement* distributed among the subscribers gratuitously.

In the statement of assets and liabilities, it will be seen that a large amount of these publications, for nearly all of which there is a steady demand, remains on hand.

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.
Balance in Bank.. ..	413 10 11	Printing, Lithographing,	
Stock of Books, Maps,		Rent, and Current Ex-	
Photos, &c., on hand..	1,500 0 0	penses	527 8 1
Surveying Instruments..	100 0 0	Exploration.	
Show Cases, Furniture			
and Fittings	100 0 0		
In addition to the above			
there is the valuable			
and unique collection of			
antiques, models, &c.			

W. MORRISON,
Treasurer.