

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Executive Committee have appointed Mr. Archibald Campbell Dickie, A.R.I.B.A., to go out to Jerusalem and assist Dr. Bliss in the work of excavation, and in drawing plans, sections, &c. Mr. Dickie left London on March 15.

Dr. Bliss's fourth report of the Jerusalem excavations, published in this number, shows that the wall has been traced for a considerable distance further since the report given in January. It is hoped to receive very soon intelligence of the direction which the wall takes south of the Jewish Cemetery, where it had already been picked up when Dr. Bliss's last letters were dispatched.

Dr. Bliss's description of the remains of a church on the Mount of Olives, which he has examined and excavated at the request of His Excellency Hamdy Bey, is of much interest. There seems to have been a conventual establishment there, and it was a portion of this that Herr von Schick saw and described in the *Quarterly Statement* for January last.

The discovery, under the place of the high altar, of what Dr. Bliss regards as the reliquary of the Saint to whom the church was dedicated, is remarkable.

Besides his reports printed in the present number, Herr Baurath von Schick has forwarded an essay on the Church of the Ascension, with plans and restorations.

Herr von Schick reports that further excavations at Jacob's Well have been made, but are at present stopped owing to some question as to the right to the property. The church has been found to have had three apses.

Among other minor notes, Herr von Schick reports that a find of gold coins is said to have been made at Beisan, and that the road to Jericho is so far finished that carriages can now go down and even proceed as far as the bank of the Jordan.

The Golden Gate has been surrounded inside the Haram by a wall, and visitors are no longer allowed to enter it. The rubbish in "Solomon's Stables" has been brought up and spread out on the surface of the Haram Area, by which means the level at the south-eastern part has been raised some three feet.

From the Journal of the German Palestine Society we learn that it is proposed to establish a number of stations for meteorological observations throughout the country; one of the first class at Jerusalem, and others at Gaza, Sarona, Bethlehem, Nâblus, and other places where reliable observers are in residence.

There is no reason to doubt that the observations conducted for many years under the auspices of the Palestine Exploration Fund at Jerusalem may fairly be taken to represent the meteorology of the Hill Country of South Palestine, and those at Sarona that of the Western Plain. The observations now being made for the Fund by Dr. Torrance at Tiberias are accumulating valuable information respecting the climate of the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The following have kindly consented to act as Honorary Local Secretaries:—

Rev. Professor George Adam Smith, D.D., 22, Sardinia Terrace, Glasgow.
 James Glen, Esq., 12, Blythswood Square, Glasgow, *Hon. Local Treasurer.*
 Rev. Charles Druitt, The Vicarage, Charmouth, Dorset.

Mr. Walter Besant's summary of the work of the Fund from its commencement has been brought up to date by the author and published under the title, "Thirty Years' Work in the Holy Land." Applications for copies may be sent in to Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. George Armstrong's Raised Map of Palestine is on view at the office of the Fund. A circular giving full particulars about it will be sent on application to the Secretary.

Supporters of the Fund will be gratified to learn that this valuable work has met with great appreciation in nearly every quarter of the globe, and from many learned societies. Copies have been ordered and supplied for the Royal Geographical Society; the Science and Art Museum and Trinity College, Dublin; the Free Kirk College, Glasgow; Queen's College, Cambridge; Mansfield College, Oxford; and for subscribers in Russia, the Netherlands, the United States of America, Australia, Japan, and China, besides Manchester, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and other cities of our own country.

The following are some of the opinions which have been expressed by competent authorities respecting the value of this Map:—

"A Raised Map of Palestine must prove of the greatest interest to all who have visited or intend to visit the country, affording, as it does a picture *au vol d'oiseau* of all the physical features. Mr. Armstrong's interesting work will faithfully present to those who have had the advantage of touring in Palestine the old familiar routes they have traversed, and will give to those who have yet to enjoy

such a journey a clear idea of the sort of country they may expect to see. . . . The educational use to which the map will be put will be very considerable."—*The Times*.

"There are the seas, the lakes, the mountains, and valleys, all so perfect and distinct that one can travel over the ground and visit the cities and towns. With the Bible in hand the holy sites can be inspected, the historical events of the narration can be followed, the movements of the various tribes can be traced, the operations of war can be grasped and easily understood. With this Raised Map before him a Moltke could sit and plan a campaign as if it were a chess problem."—*Daily News*.

"By the aid of such a Raised Map the untravelled student may picture the scenery of Palestine, under the allusions to its topography, and see where the roads of the country must run; he can follow the tracks of rival armies upon its battle-fields and understand better the conditions attaching to rival sites."—*Manchester Guardian*.

"It is certainly a most interesting and valuable Map, and in no other way, short of a personal visit, could one obtain so correct an idea of the contour of the Holy Land."—*Cambridge Tribune*, U.S.A.

"I wish another copy of your Raised Map. I am greatly pleased with it, I do not think I would like to teach the Old Testament without it."—Professor GEORGE ADAM SMITH, Free Church College, Glasgow.

"It came through in excellent order and has been pronounced the best thing of the kind that we have ever seen."—The Very Rev. Dean HOFFMAN, The General Theological Seminary, New York.

"All the professors and students expressed the most complete satisfaction and admired the correctness and fine execution which more than answered their expectation. They anticipate great practical and scientific usefulness."—HAY. M. LE BACHELET, Biblioth, St. Heliers, Jersey.

"It is exceedingly effective and instructive; it has already excited great interest and evidently conveyed a vivid impression of the physical character of the country to many who were quite ignorant on that subject before. I expect to find its value constantly more apparent as points of Biblical geography arise in the course of instruction. I feel sure it is a most important addition to the apparatus for Bible instruction."—Rev. ARTHUR BROOKS, Rectory of the Incarnation, New York.

"The copy of your new Raised Map of Palestine was delivered yesterday and I have had it put up in my Form Room next to the Plan of Jerusalem. I am very much pleased with it, and I beg to congratulate you on the completion of so great a work. Such a map makes the study of the geography of the Holy Land more interesting than ever, and impresses the main features of the country more deeply on the memory."—The Rev. G. STYLE, Giggleswick School, Yorkshire.

"I need not say that I am well pleased with the Map, and I must congratulate you upon the patience and skill which you have displayed in constructing it."—CHARLES BAILEY, Congregational Church School, Manchester.

"The Map arrived safely. I am very much pleased with the Raised Map and its colouring; you seem to have taken great pains with it. I hope Bible Students and Sunday School Teachers will come and study it."—W. H. RINDER, Philosophical Society, Leeds.

"I had the case opened and found the Map quite safe; it is a splendid piece of work and has given great satisfaction to the Committee."—C. GOODYEAR, Secretary and Librarian, Lancashire College.

"You have conferred an invaluable boon on all Scripture Students by your issue of the Raised Map. I shall not rest till I have one for my School."—The Very Rev. S. W. ALLEN, Shrewsbury.

"The Map is a beautiful piece of work and equally valuable to the historian, the geographer, and the geologist."—Captain F. W. HUTTON, Curator, Museum, Christchurch, New Zealand.

"The Map arrived all safe . . . and has given great satisfaction to everyone who has seen it."—The Rev. DOUGLAS FERRIER, Free Church Manse, Bothwell, N.B.

"The Map has come quite perfect and is much admired. You have erected a monument for yourself that will long endure."—Rev. THOMAS M. B. PATTERSON, Hamilton, N.B.

Subscribers to the PALESTINE PILGRIMS' TRUST SOCIETY who have not sent in their application for cases for binding the translations issued by the Society, are reminded that these are now ready, and that the whole issues—Nos. 1 to 26 (up to date)—have been arranged in chronological order, so as to make 10 volumes of equal size.

Index to the *Quarterly Statement*.—A new edition of the Index to the *Quarterly Statements* has been compiled. It embraces the years 1869 (the first issue of the journal) to the end of 1892. Contents:—Names of the Authors and of the Papers contributed by them; List of the Illustrations; and General Index. This Index will be found extremely useful. Price to subscribers to the Fund, in paper cover, 1s. 6d., in cloth, 2s. 6d., post free; non-subscribers, 2s. and 3s.

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., every week-day except Saturdays, when it closes at 2 p.m.

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. See list of Books, July *Quarterly Statement*, 1893.

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, 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. Subscribers to the "Survey of Western Palestine" are privileged to have the volumes for seven guineas. 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. A. P. Watt and Son, Hastings House, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C., are the Sole Agents. The attention of intending subscribers is directed to the announcement in the last page of this number.

Mr. H. Chichester Hart's "Fauna and Flora of Sinai, Petra, and the Wady Arabah," which forms the second volume, can be had separately.

M. Clermont-Ganneau's work, "Archæological Researches in Palestine," will form the third volume. The first portion of it is already translated and in the press.

The maps and 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. See list of Publications.

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 27th to March 23rd, 1895, was—from annual subscriptions and donations, including Local Societies, £654 5s. 6d.; from all sources—£879 1s. 3d. The expenditure during the same period was £742 11s. 3d. On March 25th the balance in the Bank was £453 10s. 0d.

Subscribers are requested to note that the following cases for binding, casts, and slides can be had by application to the Assistant Secretary at the Office of the Fund:—

Cases for binding Herr Schumacher's "Jaulân," 1s. each.

Cases for binding the *Quarterly Statement*, in green or chocolate, 1s. each.

Cases for binding "Abila," "Pella," and "Ajlûn" in one volume, 1s. each.

Casts of the Tablet, with Cuneiform Inscription, found at Tell el Hesi, at a depth of 35 feet, in May, 1892, by Dr. Bliss, Explorer to the Fund. It belongs to the general diplomatic correspondence carried on between Amenhotep III and IV and their agents in various Palestinian towns. 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.

Lantern slides of the Raised Map, the Sidon Sarcophagi, and of the Bible places mentioned in the catalogue of photos and special list of slides.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1894.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in Bank 31st December, 1893—		By Exploration	1,050 0 0
Net Balance	£397 13 10	Printing and Binding, including the <i>Quarterly Statement</i>	548 19 8
Subscriptions paid in 1893 in advance for 1894	20 14 0	Maps, Lithographs, Illustrations, Photographs, Slides, Casts, &c.. .. .	283 16 7
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Donations and Subscriptions	1,778 16 0	Postage, including <i>Quarterly Statements</i> , Books, Maps, Parcels, &c.	132 11 9
From Lectures	126 18 5	Salaries and Wages	359 14 9
From Sales of Books	400 18 6	Office Rent, Gas and Coals	234 18 4
From Sales of Maps, Photographs, Slides, Casts, &c.	330 10 3	Subscriptions paid in 1894 in advance for 1895	£51 8 6
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Examined and found correct,
W. MORRISON, *Treasurer*.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The Subscriptions and Donations to the work of the Fund during the year 1894 amounted to £1,778 16s. 0d., an increase of £204 2s. 0d. over the amount received in 1893.

From Lectures there is an increase of £110. The sale of books, maps, and the various publications brought in £731 8s. 9d., as against £832 16s. 3d. expended on their production, to which should be added the postage. The amount spent on Exploration is £1,050.

The *Quarterly Statement*, which is issued free to annual subscribers of 10s. 6d. and upwards, cost for printing and illustrations over £450.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in Bank..	377 6 3	Printing, Lithographing, and Current Expenses	567 13 6
Stock of Publications on hand, Surveying In- struments, Show Cases, Furniture.		Exploration.	
In addition there is the valuable library and the unique collection of antiques, models, &c.			

In order to make up complete sets of the *Quarterly Statement* the Committee will be very glad to receive any of the back numbers.

While desiring to give 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 authorised lecturers for the Society are—

The Rev. Thomas Harrison, F.R.G.S., Hillside, Benenden, Staplehurst,
Kent. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *Research and Discovery in the Holy Land.*
- (2) *Bible Scenes in the Light of Modern Science.*
- (3) *The Survey of Eastern Palestine.*
- (4) *In the Track of the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan.*
- (5) *The Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, and the Cities of the Plain.*
- (6) *The Recovery of Jerusalem—(Excavations in 1894).*
- (7) *The Recovery of Lachish and the Hebrew Conquest of Palestine.*
- (8) *Archaeological Illustrations of the Bible.* (Specially adapted for Sunday School Teachers).

N.B.—All these Lectures are illustrated by specially prepared lantern slides.

The Rev. J. R. Macpherson, B.D., Kinnaird Manse, Inchture, N.B. New subjects will be announced in July.

The Rev. J. Llewelyn Thomas, M.A., Aberpergwm, Glynneath, South Wales. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *Explorations in Judea.*
- (2) *Research and Discovery in Samaria and Galilee.*
- (3) *In Bible Lands; a Narrative of Personal Experiences.*
- (4) *The Reconstruction of Jerusalem.*
- (5) *Problems of Palestine.*

The Rev. Charles Harris, M.A., F.R.G.S., St. Lawrence, Ramsgate. (All Lectures illustrated by lantern slides). His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *Modern Discoveries in Palestine.*
- (2) *Stories in Stone; or, New Light on the Old Testament.*
- (3) *Underground Jerusalem; or, With the Explorer in 1894.*
Bible Stories from the Monuments, or Old Testament History in the Light of Modern Research:—
- (4) A. *The Story of Joseph; or, Life in Ancient Egypt.*
- (5) B. *The Story of Moses; or, Through the Desert to the Promised Land.*
- (6) C. *The Story of Joshua; or, The Buried City of Lachish.*
- (7) D. *The Story of Sennacherib; or Scenes of Assyrian Warfare.*
- (8) E. *The Story of the Hittites; or, A Lost Nation Found.*

Professor Theodore F. Wright, Ph.D., Cambridge, Mass., Honorary General Secretary of the Palestine Exploration Fund for the United States. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *The Building of Jerusalem.*
- (2) *The Overthrow of Jerusalem.*
- (3) *The Progress of the Palestine Exploration.*

The Rev. L. G. A. Roberts, 67, George Street, Hamilton, Ontario. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *Work in and around the Holy City.*
- (2) *Work outside the Holy City.*
- (3) *Popular Lecture upon the General Results obtained by the Fund.*

Application for Lectures may be either addressed to the Secretary, 24, Hanover Square, W., or sent to the address of the Lecturers.