

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Committee are happy to announce that an extension of the Firman for the excavations at Jerusalem for another year has been obtained, and the work has been already resumed.

THE STRICTEST ECONOMY IS EMPLOYED IN CARRYING ON THE EXCAVATIONS, BUT THE EXPENSES ARE NECESSARILY GREAT, AND THERE IS VERY URGENT NEED OF FUNDS IN ORDER THAT THE WORK MAY BE CONTINUED WHILST THE OPPORTUNITY LASTS.

Dr. Bliss's report is accompanied by a large number of beautiful drawings by Mr. Dickie of specimens of masonry and of metal implements, earthenware lamps, vases, bottles, &c., which have been found in course of the recent excavations. Some only of these drawings are reproduced in the present *Quarterly*, and the others are reserved for future publication. It will be well to bear this in mind in reading the present report, in order to avoid confusion in the references to figures.

We publish this quarter an account of Herr von Schick's examination of the place well known to dwellers in Jerusalem as *Deir el'Adas*. He found there a "double" church, or rather one church built over another. Within the precincts a "footprint of Our Lord" was pointed out to him.

Herr von Schick's exploration of the *Bab Hytta Quarter* shows that this is again becoming a "new city"—it is part of the ancient "Bezetha"—by the erection of new houses on the foundations of the old ones. It is odd to find the sewer leaking into an underground bakehouse; a similar condition of things has recently more than once been observed much nearer home. Curiously illustrative of Jerusalem's long and chequered history is the statement that the owner of this property professes to have title deeds showing that it has been in his family for 763 years, and *that it was a waste place when they got it!*

An important paper on the Onomasticon, by Lieutenant-Colonel Conder, will appear in the July *Quarterly Statement*.

Professor W. W. Davis, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, writes: "My class is now studying the life of David, I and II Samuel. I had no idea how your Raised Map would facilitate Bible study. To say that we are pleased with the map is only a faint expression of our appreciation. I wish every teacher of the Bible were fortunate enough to possess one. All our students and faculty are unanimous in their opinion that it is the best thing in this line ever made. It gives one an idea of Palestine that could not otherwise be had without a visit to the country itself."

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.

The first edition of the new Collotype Print or Photo-relief from a specially prepared copy of the Raised Map of Palestine is sold out. A second and cheaper issue has been prepared. Price to subscribers, 2s. 3d.; non-subscribers, 3s. 3d., post free.

The print is on thin paper, measuring 20 inches by 28½ inches.

The July number of the "Revue Biblique" (Paris: Victor Lecoffre) contains an account of some remarkable Christian tombs discovered in 1894 at Beth-lehem, and also of a Greek inscription recently found on the wall of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem.

Photographs of Herr von Schick's models (1) of the Temple of Solomon, (2) of the Herodian Temple, (3) of the Haram Area during the Christian occupation of Jerusalem, and (4) of the same locality as it is at present, have been received at the office of the Fund. Sets of these photographs, with an explanation by Herr von Schick, can be purchased.

TOURISTS are cordially invited to visit the Loan Collection of "Antiques" in the JERUSALEM ASSOCIATION ROOM of the Palestine Exploration Fund, opposite the Tower of David. Hours: 8 to 12, and 2 to 6. Maps of Palestine and Palestine Exploration Fund publications are kept for sale. Necessary information will be gladly given by the Rev. Theodore E. Dowling, *Hon. Sec.*

M. Clermont-Ganneau has kindly presented to the Library of the Fund a copy of his recently published "Études d'Archéologie Orientale," tome ii, livraisons 1-5.

- I. Sur quelques localités de Palestine mentionnées dans la vie de Pierre l'ibère, avec 2 plans.
 - II. Nouveaux Graffiti Araméens d'Égypte.
 - III. Zeus Saphathènos et les nouvelles Inscriptions Grecques du Haurân, avec 2 plans.
 - IV. Les inscriptions de Cheikh Barakât, avec 1 plan.
- I. Peter was Bishop of Gaza, and died between 485 and 491 A.D. M. Clermont-Ganneau offers some interesting and valuable remarks in this paper as to the real position of ancient Ascalon and Gaza. Other sites dealt with are those of Sarepta, Magdal-Toûthâ, Kephâr Se'artâ, Beit Tapheha, and Beit Iksâ.
 - II. A criticism of Professor Sayce's attempt at an interpretation of the Graffiti.
 - III. Valuable notes on the inscriptions collected by the Rev. W. Ewing and Mr. A. Wright, and published in last year's *Quarterly Statements* of the Fund.
 - IV. Description of interesting site near Aleppo, hallowed by S. Simeon Stylites, or other Pillar devotee.

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

- "Six Weeks in Egypt." From the authoress, Mrs. C. J. Brooks.
 "The Tent of Meeting, usually called the Tabernacle." From the author, G. Woolworth Colton.
 "Au Delà du Jourdain." From the author, Lucien Gautier.

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.

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

- Montreal*.—Rev. G. Abbot Smith, 2, Lincoln Avenue.
Liverpool.—Hon. Treasurer, T. Frederick A. Agnew, Esq., Bank of England, Castle Street; Hon. Sec., Alexander B. Thorburn, Esq., 13, Rumford Street.
Worcester.—Ven. Archdeacon Walters, Alvechurch.
Dunedin.—Herbert Webb, Esq., Eldon Chambers.
Damascus.—Dr. E. W. G. Masterman.
Galashiels.—Kenneth Cochrane, Esq., Newfaan.
Mountain Ash, South Wales.—Rev. Owen Jones, in place of Rev. John Howell, deceased.

Sir 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 to Mr. Armstrong.

It having again been reported to the Executive Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund 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 of any sort or kind in their employ, and that NONE OF THEIR WORKS ARE SOLD BY ANY ITINERANT AGENTS.

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.

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 portion of M. Clermont-Ganneau's work, "Archæological Researches in Palestine," is now ready, and being sent to subscribers.

Branch Associations of the Bible Society, all Sunday Schools 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 23rd, 1895, to March 21st, 1896, was—from annual subscriptions and donations, including Local Societies, £779 14s. 2d.; from all sources—£977 11s. 11d. The expenditure during the same period was £886 11s. 9d. On March 23rd the balance in the Bank was £358 0s. 1d.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The total income of the Fund for the year 1895 was £2,492 10s. 4d.; of this amount £1,737 3s. 8d. was from Donations and Subscriptions; £749 1s. 8d. from sales of publications; and £6 5s. 0d. from the proceeds of Lectures.

The amount spent on Exploration was £1,002 5s. 0d.; on printing new edition of publications, including the *Quarterly Statement*, £775 11s. 10d. (the *Quarterly Statement*, which is sent free to all subscribers of 10s. 6d. and upwards, alone costing close on £500); on advertising, postage, insurance, and stationery, £172 12s. 9d.; the management, including rent of office, £598 9s. 10d.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
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Balance in Bank, December 31st, 1895..	320 17 2	Printing, Lithographing, and Current Expenses	944 4 6
Stock of Publications on hand, Surveying Instruments, Show Cases, Furniture, &c.			
In addition there is the valuable library and the unique collection of antiques, models, &c.			

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 "Jaulán," 1s. each.

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

Cases for binding "Abila," "Pella," and "Ajlún" 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.

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—

AMERICA.

Professor Theodore F. Wright, Ph.D., 42, Quincy Street, 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.*

ENGLAND.

The Rev. Thomas Harrison, F.R.G.S., The Vicarage, Appledore, Ashford, 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) *Archæological Illustrations of the Bible.* (Specially adapted for Sunday School Teachers).

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

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 1895.*
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.*

SCOTLAND.

The Rev. J. R. Macpherson, B.D., Kinnaird Manse, Inchtute, N.B. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *Excavations in Jerusalem, 1868-70, 1894-5.*
- (2) *Lachish, a Mound of Buried Cities; with Comparative Illustrations from some Egyptian Tells.*
- (3) *Recent Discoveries in Palestine—Lachish and Jerusalem.*
- (4) *Exploration in Judea.*
- (5) *Galilee and Samaria.*
- (6) *Palestine in the Footsteps of our Lord.*
- (7) *Mount Sinai and the Desert of the Wanderings.*
- (8) *Palestine—its People, its Customs, and its Ruins.* (Lecture for Children.)

All illustrated with specially prepared lime-light lantern views.

The Rev. James Smith, B.D., St. George's-in-the-West Parish, Aberdeen. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *The Palestine Exploration Fund.*
- (2) *A Pilgrimage to Palestine.*
- (3) *Jerusalem—Ancient and Modern.*
- (4) *The Temple Area, as it now is.*
- (5) *The Church of the Holy Sepulchre.*
- (6) *A Visit to Bethlehem and Hebron.*
- (7) *Jericho, Jordan, and the Dead Sea.*

The Rev. W. Burnet Thomson, Galashiels, N.B. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *The City of the Great King; or Jerusalem and the Explorer.*
- (2) *The Temple, the Sepulchre, and Calvary.*
- (3) *Southern Palestine.*
- (4) *Jerusalem to Damascus.*
- (5) *Palestine and Jesus Christ (for children).*
- (6) *The Bible and the Monuments. Discoveries in Ancient Land.*

All illustrated with lantern slides.

WALES.

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.*

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