

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Fund will be held on Tuesday, the 14th day of July, at 4 P.M., at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, W.

Lord Amherst of Hackney will preside, and the meeting will be addressed by:—Major-General Sir Charles Wilson, K.C.B., R.E.; Lieut.-Colonel Watson, C.M.G., R.E.; The Rev. William Wright, D.D.; and others.

Early application for tickets of admission should be made to the Acting Secretary.

The Committee deeply regret that as Dr. Bliss and Mr. Dickie were returning one evening to their camp an attack was made upon them, and Mr. Dickie received a stab in the shoulder, and had his arm broken. He was doing well when the last accounts were despatched, and, it is hoped, will soon recover. Dr. Bliss himself escaped injury.

Herr von Schick's elaborate report on the Church of the Ascension, the publication of which has been delayed owing to want of space, is in the printer's hands, and will appear in the October number of the *Quarterly Statement*.

Herr von Schick reports that, owing to the exceptionally heavy fall of rain during the past season, much water accumulated in the Birket es Sultan, and unfortunately a youth from Silwan and two Jewish boys were accidentally drowned in it.

Dr. Post's important work on the "Flora of Syria" is in the press, and will probably be published towards the end of the year. It is the fruit of more than twenty years' laborious study and investigation, and will supply a want long felt by travellers and others interested in the botany of Palestine and Syria.

Dr. H. B. Waterman, Hon. Sec. for the Western States of North America, has been engaged to give six weeks' daily lectures upon the large Model of Palestine built upon the shore of Lake Chautauqua, in the State of New York.

THE STRICTEST ECONOMY IS EMPLOYED IN CARRYING ON THE EXCAVATIONS AT JERUSALEM, 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.

The Rev. Theodore E. Dowling reports that the Fifth Annual Course of Evening Lectures, under the auspices of the Jerusalem Association, was delivered on Saturdays during February and March in the Grand New Hotel and Howard's Hotel, Jerusalem. A fair attendance of tourists was thus secured, and the managers of both hotels heartily co-operated.

Mr. Ellis opened the course with a thoughtfully-written paper, illustrated by two diagrams, on "The South Wall of Jerusalem." The Rev. C. T. Wilson interested his small, though select, audience with his personal experiences of "The Fellahin." At the request of Bishop Blyth this lecture was repeated in the Bishop's drawing-room. Dr. Wheeler, always ready to help, delivered the third lecture on "The Jews in Jerusalem." Through the kindness of Mr. Lunn the Rev. Dr. Cunningham Geikie became responsible for the fourth lecture on "Glimpses of Palestine in the Past." The Jerusalem Association is indebted to the Messrs. Perowne for generous contributions on behalf of special lectures delivered to their travelling tourists. Dr. Bliss, on successive Saturdays, spoke on "Recent Excavations" and "The Mounds of Palestine." At the concluding lecture Dr. Chaplin presided, and his encouraging remarks were appreciated.

The collections this year were larger than on any previous occasion, and realised 1607.20 piastres.

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.*

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

- "A Pilgrimage to Palestine, 1893-4." By Rev. James Smith, D.D. From the Author.
 - "Etudes d'Archéologie Orientale," tome ii, livraisons 6-11. From the Author, Professor Clermont-Ganneau.
 - "Die Stiftshütte der Tempel in Jerusalem und der Tempelplatz der Jetztzeit." By Conrad Schick. From the Author.
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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. A catalogue of Books in the Library is published in the July *Quarterly Statement*, 1893.

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

Abergavenny.—Rev. Fred W. G. Whitfield, Vicar of
Ramsgate.—Rev. F. W. Carpenter, Harley Villa, Edith Road, in succession
 to the Rev. Charles Harris, removed to Appledore, Ashford.

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 second edition of the new Collotype Print or Photo-relief from a specially prepared copy of the Raised Map of Palestine is sold out. A third edition 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.

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.

Memo. for Subscribers to the Survey of Palestine.—In the original programme it was intended that the "Archæological Researches" of M. Clermont-Ganneau should be published in one volume, but the work increased so much since its commencement that the Committee found it necessary to arrange for

the publication of the whole in two volumes. Vol. II has been published in advance for the reasons stated in the prefatory note.

Vol. I treats of Jerusalem and neighbourhood, is well forward, and, when ready, will be sent out to the first 250 Subscribers. There will be no increase in the price of the work to Subscribers.

A third and revised edition of "Syrian Stone Lore," by Lieut.-Colonel Conder, R.E., is in the press, and will be ready shortly.

An important work by Lieut.-Colonel Conder, R.E., entitled, "The Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem"—1099 to 1292 A.D.—and describing the condition of Palestine under the Crusaders, is in the press. It is based on the chronicles and contemporary accounts, both Christian and Moslem, and on the information collected during the progress of the Survey, with descriptions of the scenes of the important events, and other information not to be found in previous histories of the Crusades. The whole will form an octavo volume of about 400 pages.

The "Irish Times" of the 15th April, referring to the work of the Fund, remarks: "It would be impossible in a passing word to describe all the curious discoveries that have been made upon this ancient and sacred site. Every day adds to them, and it is a hard task for expert scholars to weigh, expound, and apportion their importance. The Palestine Exploration Fund Committee have never published a more important *Quarterly Statement*. The archaeological results obtained are in rich proportion to the sums that have been expended, and surely this is a time when the objects of the body should fully and generously be supported. No one can tell how long the privileges now enjoyed may last, and it is the duty of the whole Christian community to make the most of them. Any day a great discovery may be made transcending in consequence any that has previously been achieved. The old history of Jerusalem lies deep buried beneath the modern surface, and to reach it there must be deep digging. The work is necessarily costly but it is worth the doing."

Since the last *Quarterly Statement* was issued the Palestine Pilgrims' Text Society have published the following:—

Part 14 of Book III of Marino Sanuto's "Secrets for True Crusaders to Help Them to Recover the Holy Land, A.D. 1321." Translated by Aubrey Stewart, M.A. Geographical notes by Lieut.-Colonel Conder, R.E., with three maps.

"Burchard of Mount Sion (1280 A.D.)." Translated from the original Latin by Aubrey Stewart, M.A. With geographical notes by Lieut.-Colonel Conder.

"Jacques de Vitry (1180 A.D.)." Part of the Abbreviated History of Jerusalem. Translated from the original Latin by Aubrey Stewart, M.A.

To be followed by Bohaeddin's "Life of Saladin," which is now in the press.

A complete set of the Palestine Pilgrims' Text Translations in 12 volumes, bound in cloth ; price, £10 10s.

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 March 24th to June 22nd, 1896, was—from annual subscriptions and donations, including Local Societies, £270 18s. 1d. ; from all sources—£510 1s. 5d. The expenditure during the same period was £641 7s. 6d. On June 23rd the balance in the Bank was £226 2s. 1d. The excavations at Jerusalem cost not less than £100 per month.

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.

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., Appledore, Ashford, Kent. (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.
