

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Annual Meeting of the Fund will take place in the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, on the 11th of July, at 4 p.m. Major-General Sir Charles Wilson, K.C.B., R.E., will give an address on his recent travels in Moab and Edom, to be illustrated by lantern views. Tickets of admission can be had on application to the Acting Secretary.

In the present number will be found Dr. Bliss's third report on the work at Tell Zakariya, and his first report from Tell-es-Sâfi, where operations were commenced on May 4th. In addition to the drawings illustrating the reports, Mr. Macalister has also contributed an interesting account of the ancient Church recently explored at Umm er Rûs.

The visit of Sir Charles Wilson to the excavations at Tell Zakariya and to many of the Jewish colonies in the course of his journey through Palestine, as well as his travels in Moab and Edom, are of great interest. He has kindly promised to contribute some notes on his journey to the next *Quarterly Statement*.

A number of moulds of the various objects found in the excavations have been received at the office of the Fund, consisting of inscribed weights, jar-handles, scarabs, &c. They can be seen, and casts of several can be obtained, on application to Mr. Armstrong.

An elaborate paper on "The Ancient Standards of Measure in the East," by Sir Charles Warren, K.C.B., R.E., is published in the current number.

Owing to the pressure on our space the continuation of Mr. Baldensperger's paper on "Woman in the East" and the publication of several other important communications are postponed.

The Committee have made arrangements with Dr. Schumacher for the prompt and regular transmission of information respecting archaeological discoveries which may be made in carrying on the work of the Acre-Damascus railway.

The concluding volume of Professor Ganneau's "Archæological Researches in Jerusalem and its Neighbourhood" is in the press, and will be published shortly.

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

Dr. Bliss's detailed account of his three years' work at Jerusalem, published as a separate volume, with the title "Excavations at Jerusalem, 1894-1897," and copiously illustrated with maps and plans, may be procured at the office of the Fund. Price to subscribers to the work of the Fund, 8s. 6d., post free.

The "Flora of Syria, Palestine, and Sinai," by the Rev. George E. Post, M.D., Beirût, Syria, containing descriptions of all the Phaenogams and Acrogens of the region, and illustrated by 441 woodcuts, may be had at the office of the Fund, price 21s.

The legacy of \$1,000, less \$75 war tax, referred to in the *Quarterly Statement* for January, p. 5, has been received from the executors of the late Rev. Walter G. Webster, through our Hon. General Secretary, the Rev. Professor Theodore F. Wright.

The income of the Society from March 24th to June 22nd, 1899, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Legacy and Local Societies, £427 5s. 2d.; from Lectures, 10s.; from sales of publications, &c., £116 4s. 7d.; total, £543 19s. 9d. The expenditure during the same period was £827 12s. 10d. On June 22nd the balance in the Bank was £461 8s. 1d.

Subscribers in U.S.A. to the work of the Fund will please note that they can procure copies of any of the publications from the Rev. Professor Theo. F. Wright, Honorary General Secretary to the Fund, 42, Quincy Street, Cambridge, Mass.

The price of a complete set of the translations published by the Palestine Pilgrims' Text Society, in 13 volumes, with general index, bound in cloth, is £10 10s. A catalogue describing the contents of each volume can be had on application to the Secretary, 38, Conduit Street.

The Museum at the office of the Fund, at 38, Conduit Street (a few doors from Bond Street), is open to visitors every week-day from 10 o'clock till 5, except Saturdays, when it is closed 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 office of the Fund, where they may be seen by subscribers.

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 Acting Secretary. Great care is taken to forward each number to those who are entitled to receive it, but changes of address and other causes occasionally give rise to omissions.

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, Jerusalem. Hours: 8 to 12, and 2 to 6. Maps of Palestine and Palestine Exploration Fund publications are kept for sale.

Photographs of Dr. 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 Haram Area as it is at present, have been received at the office of the Fund. Sets of these photographs, with an explanation by Dr. Schick, can be purchased by applying to the Secretary, 38, Conduit Street, W.

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 Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund desire to make clear that they have no book on their List of Publications called "Picturesque Palestine," nor is any person authorised to represent this book as published by the Society; nor has the Society any book-hawkers in its employment.

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 will be found in the July *Quarterly Statement*, 1893.

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

"Recueil d'Archéologie Orientale." Publié par M. Clermont-Ganneau. Tome III, Livraisons 1-13. *Sommaire* :—§ 1. Le cippe phénicien du Rab Abdmiskar; § 2. La grande inscription phénicienne nouvellement découverte à Carthage; § 3. Le *mazrah* et les *curia*, *collegia*, ou *ordines* carthaginois dans le Tarif du sacrifice de Marseille et dans les inscriptions néopuniques de Maktar et d'Alitiburos; § 4. Deux nouveaux *lychnaria* grec et arabe; § 5. Sur deux inscriptions funéraires de Palmyre; § 6. La Nea, où l'église de la Vierge de Justinien à Jérusalem; § 7. Inscriptions des croisades découvertes à la Khânkâh de Jérusalem; § 8. Inscription araméenne de Cappadoce; § 9. Amphores à épigraphes grecques et jarre à épigraphe sémitique provenant d'un sépulchre phénicien; § 10. L'inscription nabatéenne de Kanatha (*à suivre*); § 11. Sur un poids en plomb à légendes grecques provenant de Syrie; § 12. Le dieu Tamouz et Melek Tâous; § 13. Jéhovah et la déesse Qadech; § 14. Le "puits" des Tombeaux des rois de Juda; § 15. L'hémisphère, *absida* ou *ciborium* du Martyrion de Constantin et de la Mosquée d'Omar; § 16. Chroniques syriaques relatives à la Syrie arabe; § 17. Notes sur le Haurân; § 18. Notes sur le pays de Basan; § 19. Les noms de la chauve-souris en syriaque et en hébreu; § 20. Les dialectes arabes vulgaires de l'Afrique du Nord; § 21. La stèle A de Neirab; § 22. Le titre palmyrénien de *kachîch*, "senateur"; § 23. La *sébatè* d'après une nouvelle inscription grecque; § 24. Le nom carthaginois de Sophonibe; § 25. Nouvelle inscription hébraïque et grecque à la limite de Gezer; § 26. Le chapitre de Saint Sépulcre et l'abbaye du Mont-Sion; § 27. L'oiseau emblématique de Karak; § 28. Le titre romain d'Odeinat, roi de Palmyre; § 29. Les *berquils* ou "réservoirs" des Croisés; § 30. Les Phéniciens en Grèce (*à suivre*); § 31. Sceau phénicien au nom de Milek-ya'zor; § 32. Sceau israélite au nom d'Abigall, femme de 'Assyahou; § 33. Notes d'épigraphie palmyrén-

nienne; § 34. Tanit et Perséphone-Artémis; § 35. Quatre nouveaux Sceaux à légendes semitiques; § 36. La famille royale de Palmyre, d'après une nouvelle inscription; § 37. Hébron et Diocletianoupolis; § 38. Le mois de Qiniân-Juillet du calendrier palmyrénien; § 39. Une "éponge américaine" du VI siècle avant notre ère.

"The Babylonian Expedition of the University of Pennsylvania." Series A, Cuneiform texts. Edited by Professor H. V. Hilprecht. Vol. I, Part 1, 1893, Plates 1-50; Part 2, 1896, Plates 51-100.

"Journal of the American Oriental Society" (Vol. XX, first half). From the Editor, Professor George F. Moore, Andover Theological Seminary.

"The Hebrew Bible and Science." From the Author, Rev. W. Collins Badger, M.A.

"Bulletin de la Société Neuchateloise de Géographie." Tome XI, 1899.

For list of the authorised lecturers for the Society see *Quarterly Statement* for April last.
