

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Committee deeply regret to record the deaths of Mr. William Simpson, R.I., and the Rev. William Wright, D.D., members of the Executive Committee, and also that of Mr. Henry Maudslay, a member of the General Committee.

Mr. William Simpson was one of the first of the Special Artist Correspondents of the London Illustrated Press. During the course of the war with Russia he was sent out to the Crimea by Messrs. Colnaghi, of Pall Mall, for the purpose of making a series of illustrations of the war. Mr. Simpson went through the campaign, and upon his return from the East published two volumes of sketches, under the title of "Campaign in the East," and was honoured with a private audience by her Majesty, who gave him instructions to paint for her pictures of the troops as they returned from the seat of war. He travelled in India from 1859 to 1862, during which period he visited Kashmir and Thibet, making numerous sketches, and in 1867 his "India, Ancient and Modern," was offered to the public. In 1866 he joined the staff of the "Illustrated London News," and the same year attended the marriage of the late Tsar Alexander III. In 1868 he went out to Abyssinia with the Expedition under Sir Robert Napier, and two years later, upon the breaking out of the Franco-German War, was attached to the French Army. He was in Paris during the Commune, and a little later, in 1871-2, was in Pekin attending the marriage of the Emperor of China. From Pekin he visited the Great Wall, and while returning by way of America, was in time to follow the Modoc Indian War in California. He accompanied the Prince of Wales in 1875-6 on his visit to India; and,

upon the breaking out of the Afghan War in the autumn of 1878, was attached to Sir Samuel Browne's force through the Khyber Pass. He remained with the force at Jellalabad and Gundamak, where he carried out a series of archaeological investigations for the Viceroy, Lord Lytton, archæology having always been with him a favourite study, on which and architectural subjects he had written many papers. In 1883 he attended the coronation at Moscow of Alexander III, whose wedding he had illustrated seventeen years previously; and in 1884-5 again visited India in company with General Sir Peter Lumsden and the Afghan Boundary Commission in their mission to delimit the North-Western Boundary of Afghanistan. Mr. Simpson was a member of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, an honorary associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects, a member of the Royal Asiatic Society, and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical and other learned Societies. He had for many years been a member of the Executive Committee of the Fund, and his advice in connection with the illustrations of the publications was of great value. His amiable and gentle nature had endeared him to numerous friends, who deeply lament his loss.

Dr. Wright had for many years taken a warm and active interest in the work of the Fund. In early life he went as a missionary to Damascus, where he remained ten years, during which period he amassed a great store of information respecting that portion of the East, and made himself thoroughly familiar with the language and customs of its inhabitants. Besides his well-known work "The Empire of the Hittites," he was the author of "Palmyra and Zenobia," "The Brontés in Ireland," and innumerable contributions to the "Pall Mall Gazette," the "Sunday at Home," and other periodicals. For twenty-three years he had filled with great energy and ability the office of Editorial Superintendent of the British and Foreign Bible Society. He had for some time been in failing health, and died suddenly at his residence, Upper Norwood, on Monday, 31st July. He is lamented by a very large circle of attached friends.

Mr. Henry Mandslay was at one time a member of the firm of Mandslay, Sons and Field, and during that period of his

life, in recognition of the services rendered to the Portuguese Government, he was created by the King a Chevalier of the Order of Christ. He subsequently spent much time in Palestine, and carried out at his own expense some important excavations at Jerusalem on the south-west side of the city, uncovering the base of the rock-scarp which forms the boundary of the Protestant burial ground. A large portion of a mosaic pavement which he discovered at Jerusalem was presented by him to St. Paul's Cathedral, another portion being placed in Freemasons' Hall. For many years he had devoted himself entirely to work in connection with various charities and to acts of private benevolence. At one time he had a seat on the Executive Committee of the Fund.

Dr. Schick sends the following items of news from Jerusalem :—

The acoustic properties of the new German *Erlöserkirche*—the church consecrated in the presence of the German Emperor and Empress—proved to be very bad. People could not properly understand the preacher on account of the echo. Recently some thin network of the colour of the walls was hung up and spread over the higher parts in such a manner that it can hardly be seen from below, and now the hearing is much better. So something more will be done in the same way, and it is to be hoped the difficulty will be entirely removed.

An architect from Germany was here, sent, as I understand, by the Archbishop of Cologne, to see the place and gather local knowledge of building matters in order to be enabled to design a plan for a Roman Catholic Church, and other buildings to be erected on the place now generally called the Dormition,¹ which the German Emperor acquired from the Sultan and gave over to the German Catholics in such a way that the place will always belong to the Emperor, and stand under the German Consul, but the German Roman Catholics may use it for their purposes. It is now enclosed by a wall, and trenches having been made to ascertain the state of things underground, the rock was found about 10 feet below the surface on an average. Some cisterns

¹ Being the place where Mary the mother of Jesus died.

and walls were found, but not important ones; also pavements, conduits, or channels for water, and, above all, graves. It seems that the place was for a long time used as a burial ground. The bones were collected and will be buried again.

Our late German Consul, Herr von Tischendorf, has been removed to Algiers, and the son of Dr. Rosen, who was for many years Prussian Consul in Jerusalem, has come from Ispahan in his place. As I hear, he is married to an English lady. The Chancellor, Dr. Büge, was transferred to Beirût, and a new one has already come from Bagdad.

In one of my former reports I mentioned that the Greek Church and Convent of Mar Metri will be broken down and built up again for a school, &c. The work was begun some weeks ago. In digging new foundations the rock was found to be about 8-10 feet under the general flooring there, but as this was also about 5 feet lower than the new paved street, or 4 feet lower than the former surface of the street, laid down in the Ordnance Survey plan as 2,545 feet above the Mediterranean, the rock is here at a level of about 2,530 feet. Many human bones were found, so it seems that in some time of distress, perhaps during pestilence, the dead had to be buried there. As the plague is now in Egypt, the doctors here, when asked by the local government what precautions should be taken, advised that such excavations should be stopped, as the bones and earth might possibly contain contagious matter. So this work was forbidden till the rainy season.

This year locusts have appeared, first in the Jordan Valley, where a great many, being still young and not able to fly, were killed by order of the Government. Others were eaten by storks, and others, flying ones, appeared in the western plains, and were in great part driven by the wind into the sea. Still some remained in the country, appearing also in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem, and each family of those villages where they had come were required to bring 4 kilos. (or 8 lbs.) to the Government house at Jerusalem, or to pay 10 francs; so a great many were brought here and destroyed by fire in the court of the Serai. On the whole not much damage has been done to the crops.

The building of new houses, shops, &c., has repeatedly demanded immolations. Outside the Jaffa Gate, in digging foundations, the earth fell on the labourers, of whom three were killed, and higher up along the Jaffa road, where the Armenian Convent are building a row of 24 shops or magazines, and over them lodgings, a mason of their own community fell down from the wall and was killed.

The idea of making from the Jaffa Gate a broad and straight carriage road eastwards down to the Haram esh Sherif, by which houses and shops would have to be broken away, originated with a Kady, who was here for a time and then removed to Mekka, as Kady there. The plans for such a work are made, but the amount of money which would have to be paid to the proprietors of the ground and buildings to be removed is so large that most likely the plan will not be carried out.

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.

The concluding part of the 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. His first Report will be found at p. 339.

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 income of the Society from June 23rd to September 23rd, 1899, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Local Societies, £286 10s. 10d.; from sales of publications, &c., £160 17s. 0d.; total, £447 7s. 10d. The expenditure during the same period was £660 3s. 7d. On September 23rd the balance in the Bank was £248 12s. 5d.

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.

Professor T. Witton Davies, B.A., Ph.D., Baptist and University Colleges, Bangor, has kindly consented to act as Honorary Local Secretary.

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 :—

One set of the "Memoirs" of the Survey of Western Palestine, with maps; one set of the "Survey of Palestine"; one set of the *Quarterly Statements*; one set of the Publications of the Fund; one set of the Palestine Pilgrims' Text translations; "Ordnance Survey of Jerusalem — Notes," 1865; "Jerusalem," Vols. I and II (Pierotti); "Temple of the Jews" (Ferguson); "Jerusalem, Bethany, and Bethlehem" (Porter); "Travels in Syria and the Holy Land" (Burekhardt); "Jerusalem" (Ferguson); "Walks about Jerusalem" (Bartlett); "Land of Israel" (Tristram); "Journey Round the Dead Sea" (De Saulcy); "Horeb and Jerusalem" (Sandie); "Biblical Researches" (Robinson); "Sinai and Palestine" (Stanley); "Guide Book" (Murray); "Holy City" (Williams); "Ancient Jerusalem" (Thrupp); "Syria and Palestine" (Van de Velde); "Siege of Jerusalem" (Lewin); "Unexplored Syria" (Burton and Drake); "Desert of the Exodus" (Palmer); "Moabite Stone" (Ginsburg); "Holy Places of Jerusalem" (Lewis); "Holy Sepulchre" (Ferguson); "Land of Gilead" (Oliphant); "East of Jordan" (Merrill); "Temple of the Tomb" (Warren); "Travels in Egypt, Arabia, Petra, and the Holy Land" (Stevens); "Holy Sepulchre" (Willis); "Land and the Book" (Thomson); "Expedition to the Dead Sea" (Lynch); "Early Travels in Palestine" (Bond); "Chronicles of the Crusades" (Bond); "Ockley's History of the Saracens" (Bond); "Land of Moab" (Tristram); "Eusebius Ecl. History" (Bond); "Handbook to the Bible" (Conder); "The Holy City Jerusalem" (Russel Forbes); "A Journey from Aleppo to Jerusalem at Easter, A.D. 1697" (Maunderell); "Jerusalem Liberata" (Tasso); "Pellegrinaggio di Gierusalemme, 1615"; portfolios of odd plans, illustrations, &c. From the Family of the late Professor T. Hayter Lewis.

"Recueil d'Archéologie Orientale." Publié par M. Clermont-Ganneau. Tome III, Livraisons 14-19. *Sommaire* :—§ 40. Orphée-Nebo à Mabboug et Apollon; § 41. La lettre de Jésus au roi Abgar, la Koutbi juive adorée à Edesse et la Mezouzah. § 42. La Palestine au commencement du VI^e siècle et les *Plérophories* de Jean Rufus, évêque de Maioumas; § 43. Notes d'épigraphie palmyrénienne; § 44. Inscription grecque d'Edesse. § 45. La relation du voyage du Sultan Qâit-bây en Syrie; § 46. Itinéraire d'un pèlerin français du XIV^e siècle de Damas à Nagilouse; § 47. Gezer et ses environs, nouveaux relevés (Pl. III, IV, V, et VI); § 48. Création d'un fonds spécial pour l'acquisition d'antiquités; § 49. Jehovah, Seigneur du Sinai; § 50. Gath et Gath-Rimmon; § 51. Le tombeau de Dja'far, cousin-germain de Mahomet; § 52. Nouveau lychnarion à inscription coufique (Pl. VII); § 53. Une inscription du calife Hichâm (an 110 de l'Hégire (Pl. VIII)); § 54. El-Kahf et la Caverne des Sept-Dormants.

"Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum." Tomus I: Pars Prima Fasciculus Secundus, pp. 117-216; Quartus, pp. 353-456; Secundus (Tab.

XV-XXXVI); Quartus (Tab. L-LVII). Tomus I: Pars Secunda Fasciculus Primus, pp. 1-168; Secundus, pp. 169-304; Primus (Tab. I-XIX); Secundus (Tab. XX-XLIV). Tomus I: Pars Quarta Fasciculus Primus, pp. 1-102; Secundus, pp. 103-174; Primus (Tab. I-XII); Secundus (Tab. XIII-XVIII). Tomus II: Pars Prima Fasciculus Primus, pp. 1-112; Secundus, pp. 113-272; Primus (Tab. I-XI); Secundus (Tab. XII-XXXVI).

“The Decalogue and Criticism.” By Rev. George Livingstone Robinson, Ph.D. From the Author.

“Plantæ Postiungæ,” Fasciculus III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII. By Dr. George E. Post. From the Author.

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 Buried City of Jerusalem.*
- (2) *Discoveries in Palestine.*

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. James Smith, B.D., F.S.A., F.R.G.S., St. George's-in-the-West Parish, Aberdeen. (All Lectures are illustrated with lantern slides, many of which are coloured.) 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, M.A., B.D., 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.*
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