

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE present number contains Dr. Bliss's report on the excavations at Tell ej-Judeideh up to December 18th, when the work of the season was stopped by the heavy winter rains. Excavations were resumed there on March 19th.

On January 5th a severe shock of earthquake occurred at Tiberias and Safed. Dr. Torrance sends the following account of it from Tiberias :—

“On January 5th, about 2 a.m., we were awakened by an earthquake, which must have lasted from five to ten seconds. I have felt several shocks during my 15 years' residence here, but this was the most severe. No damage was done to buildings as far as I can ascertain, but many people fled into the fields and remained there a considerable time in fear and trembling, some afterwards became ill from the effects of the exposure. From correspondence I learn the earthquake extended to Mount Lebanon, to Jerusalem, and to the coast of the Mediterranean.”

Dr. Wilson writes from Safed :—

“In the early morning of January 5th, about 2.40 a.m., Safed experienced a sharp shock of earthquake. I was awakened by the rocking of the house—east and west. This increased in intensity for 10 or 15 seconds and then ceased suddenly. The previous day had been in the forenoon bright and crisp and sunny, but at midday a sudden change came, and the town became shrouded in mist. Towards sunset one noticed towards the south a heavy bank of black clouds, surmounted by a bright band of red. Everything seemed to point to a thunderstorm. At the time of the earthquake there was an ominous stillness in the

air, which was suddenly broken by the shouts and cries of the people. There was great alarm amongst the Moslems, Christians, and others, and the Jews were summoned to their synagogues for prayer. A large proportion of the population spent the remainder of the night out of doors in anticipation of a renewal of the earthquake. The occurrence is of interest, as being the first considerable shock, I believe, since the great earthquake, when so much of the town was destroyed. I have not yet heard whether the shock was general over the country, or localised to Safed and Nazareth."

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 volume of Professor Ganneau's "Archæological Researches in Jerusalem and its Neighbourhood" has been published and issued to subscribers. This completes the set of four vols. as advertised under the title "Survey of Palestine." There are only ten sets left of the first 250 copies of this valuable work. Those who wish to secure a set at £7 7s. before the price is raised should fill up the form and send it to the Secretary of the Fund.

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 December 28th, 1899, to March 23rd, 1900, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Local Societies, £630 10s. 10d.; from Lectures, £2 12s. 6d.; from sales of publications, &c., £131 19s. 10d.; total, £765 3s. 2d. The expenditure during the same period was £547 1s. 3d. On March 24th the balance in the Bank was £489 4s. 2d.

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, 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. Schiek, 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 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 :—

- “Recueil d'Archéologie Orientale.” Publié par Professor Ch. Clermont-Ganneau. Tome IV, Livraison 1, 2, Janvier, 1900. *Sommaire* :—
 § 1. Jarres Israélites marquées à l'estampille des rois de Juda.
 § 2. Cinq poids Israélites à inscriptions.
- “The Hebrew Tragedy.” By Colonel C. R. Conder, R.E. From the publishers, Messrs. Blackwood and Sons.
- “The Precious Stones of the Bible.” By Edward Clapton, M.D. From the Author.
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For list of authorised lecturers and their subjects, see January *Quarterly Statement*, p. 5.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in Bank 31st December, 1898, including £33 17s. 6d. paid in advance for 1899	674 9 1	By Exploration.. .. .	1,495 11 1
Donations and Subscriptions	2,081 18 0	Printing, Binding, including <i>Quarterly State- ment</i>	513 10 11
Proceeds of Lectures	9 5 0	Maps, Lithographs, Illustrations, Photographs, Casts, Lantern Slides, &c.	200 3 3½
Sales of Books, Maps, Photographs, Casts, and Lantern Slides	609 19 11	Advertising, Insurance, Stationery, and Sundries	111 9 6
		Postage of the <i>Quarterly Statement</i> , Books, Maps, &c.	151 11 11
		Salaries and Wages	397 13 1
		Office Rent, Gas, Coals, &c.	264 6 10½
		Balance in Bank 31st December, 1899, including £41 11s. 6d. subscriptions paid in advance for 1900	241 5 4
	<u>£3,375 12 0</u>		<u>£3,375 12 0</u>

Examined and compared with Vouchers, and Cash and Bank Books and found correct.

WALTER MORRISON, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The income of the Fund for 1899 amounted to £2,701 2s. 11d., made up as follows:—

From Donations and Subscriptions, £2,081 18s. 0d.; from sales of publications, £609 19s. 11d.; from Lectures, £9 5s. 0d.; being an increase of £100 17s. 1d. over that of 1898.

At the end of 1898 there was a balance in the bank of £674 9s. 1d., making the total amount available for the year, £3,375 12s. 0d.

The expenditure during the same period was:—

On exploration, £1,495 11s. 1d. Excavation work was carried on during the greater part of the year.

On printing, binding, including the *Quarterly Statement*, £513 10s. 11d.

On maps, lithographs, illustrations, photographs, &c., £200 3s. 3½d. Against these two sums the Fund received from the sale of all publications, £609 19s. 11d.

On advertising, insurance, stationery, &c., £111 9s. 6d.

On postage of books, maps, &c., including the *Quarterly Statement*, £151 11s. 11d.

The management, including rent of office, £661 19s. 11½d.

On December 31st, 1899, the balance in the Bank was £241 5s. 4d.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in Bank, December 31st, 1899..	241 5 4	Printers' Bills and Current Expenses	243 13 4
Stock of Publications in hand, Surveying Instruments, Show Cases, Furniture, &c.			
In addition there is the valuable library and the unique collection of antiques, models, &c.			

WALTER MORRISON, *Treasurer.*