

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

MR. MACALISTER arrived in Jerusalem on November 15th, after some delay by quarantine regulations. Having called on the acting Consul, Mr. Freeman, he also visited certain caves, inscriptions, etc., which had been found since he was last in Jerusalem, and of which we shall shortly have further reports. He has now gone for a short visit to Constantinople, as indicated in our October issue. There is every hope that on his return he may be in a position to renew his explorations. In the meantime there is much matter for investigation at Jerusalem.

Writing in September last Mr. Hanauer mentions that "The Greeks have been erecting a large new building on the site of the old bath, just inside the St. Stephen's Gate." It appears that in digging the foundations they found "a large cave, at present full of earth, but which will be rendered accessible in due time." We are expecting a full report on this when it is cleared out.

Mr. Macalister, writing from Constantinople, expresses warm admiration for the great work done by Hamdy Bey in the arrangement and organisation of the Imperial Museum there, which is rapidly becoming one of the most important in Europe. A large addition is being made to the building, and this, which will shortly be ready for occupation, will contain objects found during our

excavations in Palestine. These will then, for the first time, be properly exposed to view.

Dr. D'Erf Wheeler gives a report in *Home Words* upon the work of the English Mission Hospital for the previous quarter. The pressure of work has been very great in spite of the regulations enforced to admit only genuine cases of illness. It has been necessary to refuse applicants for beds and cots almost daily; it was impossible to meet all the demands entailed by house visiting and the out-patients, and many came as early as 2 A.M. to purchase tickets for admission. Dr. Wheeler observes "we do not know how we are going to meet these ever-increasing demands in the future; of course, the more patients we see and treat, the better opportunity the Jews have of witnessing one of the best and most practical sides of Christianity." The returns for the quarter are:—

In-patients	...	...	515
Out-patients	...	...	7,576
Home visits	...	...	2,157
Dressings	...	...	7,072
Siloam	...	...	500
Prescriptions	...	...	13,058 (recipes, 25,810).

We learn from *Home Words* (Jerusalem) that on the 28th of September the Right Reverend the Bishop installed the Rev. T. Wolters as Canon of the Collegiate Church of St. George the Martyr. The Bishop referred to Canon Wolter's long association with Palestine, and to his well-known learning in many branches, specially in such as were connected with his work as a missionary in this country. He also mentioned the interesting fact that Canon Wolters had married a daughter of Bishop Gobat, and that three generations of that former bishop of the diocese were represented in the congregation.

The discovery is announced of Greek inscriptions in the property belonging to the Greeks, and just to the south of the place opposite Gethsemane, where, according to a tradition not older than the fourteenth century, St. Stephen was stoned. Sir John Maundeville, who visited Jerusalem in 1325-6, mentions a church of

St. Stephen in this neighbourhood. The inscriptions are said to be three in number, and to refer to the said church.

In the Report of the Valletta Museum it is stated that, among the work of the last year, various excavations were carried out which resulted in the discovery of fragments of painted pottery (1800-1500 B.C.). On the eastern limits of Zabbar trial pits were sunk in a circular field which looked very much like an amphitheatre. Bones and teeth of elephants, etc., were found in a semi-fossilized state but well preserved. The Museum at Valletta was opened on 24th May, 1905, and is well worth visiting.

In *Man*, August, 1906, Prof. Flinders Petrie gives a concise account of the bearing of his recent excavations upon the problem of the Hyksos. Large numbers of Hyksos scarabs are constantly found at Tell el-Yehudiyeh twenty miles north of Cairo, and careful research has brought to light a number of interesting results. A large earthwork over a quarter of a mile square was entirely un-Egyptian; its makers appear to have been on about the same level of culture as the later nomads of Asia. They came from an open timberless country, and their weapon was the bow. They had no domestic pottery, but, like other nomads, used vessels of skin and wood. This encampment dates from before the XVIIIth dynasty; the abundance of scarabs of the Hyksos age and the rarity of earlier remains show that the foreign builders were the Hyksos themselves. The details bear out the account which Manetho gives of the city of Avaris. Prof. Petrie concludes that the Hyksos, "an active race of archers living by the chase in the back of Syria, perhaps in the Hauran and Palmyra region, fought their way into Egypt, much as the Arabs did in the later invasion after Muhammed."

In the course of the German excavations at Asshur, a black marble bead was found with an inscription stating that Shalmaneser had brought it from the temple of the deity Sêr of Melaha, the residence of Hazael of the land of Damascus.

Some while ago a number of antiquities were found in the region of Acre and Mount Carmel. Among them was a lintel of a sepulchral grotto bearing the name Mandêmos (see *Q.S.*, 1905, p. 276). This, as Mr. Joseph Offord points out, is for Manaêmos, the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew Menahem, which Josephus renders *Μανᾶμοος*.

"Golgotha and the Holy Sepulchre," the last work of the late Major-General Sir Charles Wilson, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., etc., is now ready. In this work the late Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund has brought together for the first time all the evidence which the most exhaustive research enabled him to collect bearing on the subject of these Holy Sites; and probably no man living had at once so intimate a knowledge of all investigations in the modern Jerusalem, and so complete an acquaintance with what has been written about the Sites from the time of Constantine onwards. The price of the work (demy 8vo) is 6s., by post 6s. 4d., and cheques should be made payable to the order of George Armstrong, Acting Secretary to the Fund, and crossed "Coutts & Co."

The first edition of Mr. Macalister's work, "Bible Sidelights from the Mounds of Gezer," is already sold out, and a second edition is in preparation. It has been written to show how the results of digging in Palestine should appeal not only to the scientific anthropologist or archæologist but also to the Bible student who has no special interest in these sciences. The book contains a brief synopsis of the work of the Fund from its foundation to the present and a description of the site of Gezer, and its history.

In 1870 Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son were appointed by the Khedive to act as the Agents of his Government for passenger traffic on the Nile, and they have issued the 36th Annual Pamphlet of their arrangements. The experience of that lengthy period is made manifest in the new pamphlet by the luxury of the arrangements and the added facilities afforded for travellers in Egypt and the Sudan. No fewer than eleven of Messrs. Cook's steamers are announced to work the various services between Cairo, Assuan, and the Second Cataract during the coming season, while, by an agreement with the Egyptian and Sudan Railways, combined

steamer and rail tickets are issued, which will enable Upper Egypt to be visited by those limited in time far more expeditiously than by the leisurely steamer alone. Beside through bookings to Khartoum and Uganda, Messrs. Cook announce several excursions from Khartoum by steamer on the Blue and White Niles. The arrangements for inspecting the many architectural wonders which, with the exquisite climate, have made the Nile Valley the winter playground of the *élite*, are a model of experienced organisation.

The *Painted Tombs of Marissa*, recently published by the Fund, is now recognized as a very important contribution to the history and archæology of Palestine in the last centuries before our era. It may be mentioned that the leaflet containing the result of the investigations by Mr. Macalister at the Tombs last October has been published and can be had on application to the Acting Secretary by those who possess the volume.

It may be well to mention that plans and photographs alluded to in the reports from Jerusalem and elsewhere cannot all be published, but they are preserved in the office of the Fund, where they may be seen by subscribers. Those which were sent by Mr. Macalister illustrating the excavations at Gezer and which were not reproduced in his quarterly report, have been held over for the final memoir.

The attention of subscribers and others is called to *A Table of the Christian and Mohammedan Eras*, from July 15th, A.D. 622, the date of the Hejira, to A.D. 1900, price by post, 7*d.* Also to the *Meteorological Observations at Jerusalem*, with tables and diagrams by the late Mr. James Glaisher, F.R.S. Tourists and all desirous of accurate information about the climate of Jerusalem should not fail to send for a copy, price 2*s.* 6*d.*

The attention of subscribers is also called to a work by Sir Charles Warren, entitled "The Ancient Cubit and our Weights and Measures." He brings evidence to show that all weights and measures (except those of the metrical system) are derived from one source—the double-cubit cubed of Babylonia. See below, p. 182 *sqq.*

The Museum and Library of the Palestine Exploration Fund at Jerusalem are in the Bishop's Buildings, near the Tombs of the Kings, where the use of a room has been kindly permitted by the Rev. Dr. Blyth, Bishop in Jerusalem and the East. The Museum is open daily, except Sundays, and the Honorary Secretary, Dr. D'Erf Wheeler, will give all information necessary.

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 September 20th to December 18th 1906, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Local Societies, £643 15s. 2d.; from sales of publications, &c., £104 11s. 3d.; from Lectures, £4 2s. 1d.; making in all, £752 8s. 6d. The expenditure during the same period was £696 17s. 1d. On December 18th the balance in the bank was £345 5s. 9d.

Subscribers who have not yet paid, will greatly facilitate the Committee's efforts by sending their subscriptions in early, and thus save the expense of sending out reminders, the outgoings on the excavations at Gezer having been a heavy drain on their funds. The special donations during the quarter have been received from:—

James Hilton, Esq.	...	...	£20	0	0
James Melrose, Esq.	...	...	£5	0	0
Mrs. C. J. Chambers Hodgetts	...	...	£5	0	0

Subscribers to the Fund are reminded that, whilst the receipt of every subscription and contribution is promptly acknowledged by the Acting Secretary, they will henceforth be published annually, and not quarterly. A complete List of Subscribers and Subscriptions for 1905 was published with the April number.

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 Committee will be glad to communicate with ladies and gentlemen willing to help the Fund as Honorary Secretaries.

Subscribers and others may be reminded that the new Raised Map of Palestine, constructed from the Surveys of the Palestine Exploration Fund by the Acting Secretary, is ready. It is on the scale of $6\frac{1}{4}$ miles to the inch and measures $3' 6'' \times 2' 6''$. It has already been used with great success by Professors of Old Testament history, and by teachers in Sunday Schools, and may be especially recommended for large classes of students. On view at the office of the Fund; further particulars may be had on application.

In order to make up complete sets of the *Quarterly Statement*, the Committee will be very glad to receive any back numbers which subscribers do not wish to preserve.

A complete set of the *Quarterly Statements*, 1869-1905, containing the early letters, with an Index, 1869-1892, bound in the Palestine Exploration Fund cases, can be had. Price on application to the Acting Secretary, 38, Conduit Street, W.

Subscribers of one guinea and upwards will please note that they can still obtain a set, consisting of the "Survey of Eastern Palestine" (Colonel Conder); "Archæological Researches in Palestine," in two volumes (Clermont-Ganneau); "Flora and Fauna of Sinai, Petra, and the Wady 'Arabah" (Hart), for £7 7s., but the price has been increased to the public to £9 9s. The price of single volumes to the public has also been increased. Applications should be made to the Acting 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, W.

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.

Photographs of the late Dr. Schick's models (1) of the Temple of Solomon, (2) of the Herodian Temple, (3) of the Haram Area and Justinian's Church, and (4) of the Haram Area as it is at present, have been received at the office of the Fund. The four photographs, with an explanation by Dr. Schick, can be purchased by applying to the Acting 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 prices.

The Committee acknowledge with thanks the following :—

“Recueil d'Archéologie Orientale,” by Prof. Ch. Clermont-Ganneau. Tome VII, Livraisons 16-25. § 32. La chiliarchie d'Héphaestion et les Nabatéens. § 33. Ancien rituel grec pour l'abjuration des Musulmans. §§ 34-35. L'Édit byzantin de Bersabée. § 36. La marche de Saladin du Caire à Damas avec démonstration sur Kerak. § 37. Deux alabastra israélites archaïques découverts à Suse. § 38 bis. Localités antiques de la Palestine III^e. § 41. *Fiches et notes* : Saint Tarabô et la rage, La piscine Probatique et la Béthesda, Saint Georges, Jezabel, Le mont 'Aûf et le prophète Elie, Les poissons et la violation du sabbat, Itinéraire de Gaza au Caire, Jésus dans la tradition samaritaine, etc., Additions et rectifications.

“Al-Mashrik : Revue Catholique Orientale Bimensuelle.” “Le commerce maritime de la Syrie au Moyen-Âge,” by P. H. Lammens ; “Sur les bords du désert de Palmyre,” by P. L. Cheikho ; “L'histoire du commerce dans l'antiquité,” by P. L. Jalabert.

“Echos d'Orient.”

“Jerusalem, Ancient and Modern. With plans and illustrations.” From the author, J. M. Tenz.

See further below, pp. 77 *sqq.*

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.

For list of authorised lecturers and their subjects, see end of the Journal, or write to the Secretary.

Whilst 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 do not necessarily sanction or adopt them.

CHRISTCHURCH (N.Z.) INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

A very representative collection, illustrative of the work of the Palestine Exploration Fund, is included in the British Government section of the International Exhibition at Christchurch, New Zealand, which was opened on November 1st. This collection, which was shipped in July last, comprises the following:—A complete set of the maps published by the Fund from the original survey of Palestine, on the scale of 1 inch to the mile; the Old and New Testament maps, on the scale of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to the mile; the photo-relief map and plan of Jerusalem, illustrating the most recent discoveries; a set of the publications of the Fund and of the Library of the Palestine Pilgrim's Text Society; plans and photographs of the recent explorations by Mr. Macalister at the ancient city of Gezer; casts of inscriptions, contour models of Jerusalem and Sinai, &c., &c. A full description of the Exhibit is given in the British official catalogue.

The British Government Exhibit at Christchurch, which is, to a large extent, of an educational character, will be in charge of Captain P. H. Atkins, who was the British representative for Education at the St. Louis International Exhibition, 1904. It is hoped that the collection sent by the Palestine Exploration Fund will be of considerable interest to the subscribers to the Fund in New Zealand and Australia, and that it will give a good idea of the work done during the past forty years for the extension of our knowledge of the geography and history of the Bible.

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

I give to the Palestine Exploration Fund, London, the sum of _____ to be applied towards the General Work of the Fund; and I direct that the said sum be paid, free of Legacy Duty, and that the Receipt of the Treasurer of the Palestine Exploration Fund shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors.

Signature _____

Witnesses { _____

NOTE.—*Three Witnesses are necessary in the United States of America.
 Two suffice in Great Britain.*