

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

In Memoriam.

HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

(PATRON OF THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND SINCE JULY, 1901.)

DIED ON MAY 6, 1910.

THE Palestine Exploration Fund has to deplore the lamented death of our late Sovereign, who among his manifold duties and interests, was also its Patron in succession to Queen Victoria. Her Majesty, it may be recalled, was among the first who started the work of exploration and excavation in Palestine by contributing towards the Fund at its inception. To quote from the notice in the *Quarterly Statement*, April, 1901: "The Queen always recognized that the "primary object of the Fund was to aid in making the Bible better "known and understood by a systematic study of the archaeology, "natural history, and physical geography of the Holy Land, and of "the manners, customs, and arts of its inhabitants. And it was "because anything that directly or indirectly serves to throw light "upon the sacred page is thus earnestly and perseveringly sought for "and fearlessly welcomed by the Palestine Exploration Fund, come "it from what source it may, that Her Majesty was pleased to "evince her continued interest in its operations. Even before the "inception of these, the [late] king, by Her Majesty's desire, visited "the Holy Land in the spring of 1862, under the guidance of "Dean Stanley, who was afterwards one of the founders of our

"association. And the subsequent visits to Palestine of so many "members of the Royal Family, in order that they might thus be "afforded an opportunity for the better appreciation of the history "and records of our religion, were due to Her Majesty's initiative." During the late king's visit the opportunity was taken to arrange a journey to Hebron and the Cave of Machpelah, an interesting description of which is given by Dean Stanley in his *Lectures on the History of the Jewish Church*, and more fully in an appendix to *Sermons preached in the East before the Prince of Wales*. There is little doubt that this visit to one of the most sacred of Mohammedan shrines, was an event not merely of interest in itself, but of incalculable value for the furtherance of Palestinian research. Dean Stanley describes the extreme reluctance before permission was granted, the significant measures taken to quieten a fanatical population, and the wide-spread belief—"an awe amounting to terror"—that this "intrusion" would have dire results. In narrating the movements of the royal party within the mosque, he quotes the words of one of the guardians: "The princes of any other nation should have passed over my dead body sooner than enter. But to the eldest son of the Queen of England we are willing to accord even this privilege." And time and again he repeated "that it would have been opened to no one less than the representative of England." Twenty years later Queen Victoria desired that the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales should have the same facilities of access to all places of interest, and the Rev. Canon Dalton, who accompanied them, expressly drew attention to the absence of those difficulties which had been put in the way of the former visit (*Q.S.*, 1882, pp. 193-5). The striking change in the attitude of the authorities and of the population to reverent and scientific investigation was as Dean Stanley had anticipated. "The result of the Prince's visit," he writes, "will have been disappointing to those who expected a more direct solution of the mysteries of Hebron. But it has not been without its indirect benefits it has tended towards the removal of the bar of exclusion from this interesting spot. The relaxation may in future times be slight and gradual, and the advantage gained must be used with every caution; but it is impossible not to feel that some effect will be produced even on the devotees of Hebron, when they feel that the Patriarchs have not suffered any injury or affront . . . indeed . . . the next day such an effect might be discerned. Dr. Rosen had predicted beforehand,

that, if the entrance were once made, no additional precautions need be provided although we were still accompanied by a small escort, yet the rigid vigilance of the previous day was relaxed, and no indications appeared of any annoyance or anger. And Englishmen may fairly rejoice that this advance in the cause of religious tolerance (if it may be so called) and of Biblical knowledge, was attained in the person of the heir to the English throne, out of regard to the position which he and his country hold in the Eastern world." In joining with the whole world in lamenting the death of a beloved Sovereign, the Palestine Exploration Fund has also to lament the death of one who may justly be said to have contributed in very real manner to facilitate the aims which it has in view.

The following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fund, was signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, as President, and by the Chairman, Sir Charles M. Watson :—

"TO HIS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY THE KING.

"May it please Your Majesty,

"We, the President and Committee, on behalf of the subscribers of the Palestine Exploration Fund, beg leave humbly to offer our deep and heartfelt sympathy in the loss which Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, and the Nation have sustained by the death of Your Royal Father, our late most Gracious Sovereign King Edward VII, whom we mourn, not only as the beloved Ruler of this Great Empire, but as the Gracious Patron of this Society.

"We most respectfully tender to Your Majesty our sincere devotion and loyalty on Your accession to the Throne, and earnestly pray that it may please The Almighty to grant Your Majesty and Your Royal Consort Queen Mary a long, happy, and peaceful reign."

(Signed)

RANDALL CANTUAR., *President.*

CHARLES M. WATSON, *Chairman of
Executive Committee.*

The King has graciously conveyed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the President of the Fund, His Majesty's consent to become Patron of the Palestine Exploration Fund in succession to His late Majesty King Edward.

The Annual General Meeting of the Fund was held on Monday, June 13th. As on former occasions, the managers of the Royal Institution very kindly lent their hall. The chair was taken by the Very Rev. George Adam Smith, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D., Principal of the University of Aberdeen, and there was a large attendance. A full account of the proceedings is given in this issue, and we desire to call attention, in the first place, to the remarks on the forthcoming Memoir of the excavation of Gezer, which Prof. Stewart Macalister is preparing. The expense of publishing an adequate record of the work is, especially in view of the numerous illustrations which are required, extremely heavy; and it is necessary to emphasize the need of increasing the financial support upon which the Executive Committee can rely, in order to make the volumes a fitting record of the unselfish labours of Prof. Macalister, and a helpful guide for the subsequent researches of English, American, and other scholars. As was pointed out by the Chairman, not only has the excavation of Gezer been a means of increasing, to an unlooked for extent, scientific knowledge of early Palestine, it has also produced, "for the apologist for the religion of Israel, or for the apologist of Christianity, . . . some of the most powerful arguments and material that they can possibly enjoy."

At the Annual Meeting the announcement was also made of the proposal of the Fund to excavate at 'Ain [esh-]Shems, the site of Beth-Shemesh. The place lies in the debatable district between Judah and the Philistines; it has an important strategic position, and, from the references to it in the Old Testament, and other evidence, certainly held a prominent part in history. The name, too, "House of the Sun," has an interesting meaning for solar cults, and the actual site has every indication of being rich in remains. Fuller descriptions of the place and its surroundings will be found in the speeches at the Meeting, and in a separate article. The work of excavation is entrusted to Dr. Mackenzie, an accomplished scholar and a skilled archaeologist; he is already out in the East, and a start will be made at the earliest possible opportunity. Provided that adequate financial assistance be given to the Fund, the mound will be thoroughly laid bare and its full importance for Palestinian religion and history completely recovered.

In the *Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology*, Mr. E. J. Pilcher submits the Jewish royal pottery stamps to a very searching investigation from an archaeological point of view, and brings forward evidence which tends to place them in the Persian age. The devices on the stamps, which he succeeds in associating with the art and symbolism of that age, are also dealt with by Mr. F. W. Read in the present issue, who produces further considerations in support of Mr. Pilcher's conclusions. These supplementary confirmations to the study of the palaeographical details (*Q.S.*, Oct., 1909), are of much interest. Apropos of Hebrew palaeography, mention may here be made of a note from Commandant A. Lipman, of Versailles, suggesting that the modern Hebrew cursive and Rabbinical forms may preserve traces of the old character, and that the various points of resemblance may prove that the ancient alphabet was not entirely lost to view when the Jews took over the Aramaic Script.

Much interest was aroused in the Arabic astrological treatise published by Miss Gladys Dickson in the *Quarterly Statement* during 1908-9, and the Committee decided to issue it separately in book form. It will be remembered that it was a treatise by a Jerusalem Christian native, and was found by an Arab lying amid an accumulation of things in a house which he had bought. It contained a great deal of very curious material, carefully classified, and was in several respects quite unique. Miss Dickson prefixed a table of the star-names and added explanatory notes to the translation, and the reprint will undoubtedly be valued by those interested in the subject. It can be had by applying to the Secretary (price 1s., post free).

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 reports, have been held over for the final Memoir.

The income of the Society from March 16th, 1910, to June 16th, 1910, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Local Societies, £194 16s. 3d.; from Lectures, £8 10s. 0d.

from sales of publications, etc., £57 8s. 10d.; making in all, £260 15s. 3d. The expenditure during the same period was £460 17s. 2d. On June 16th the balance in the bank was £701 10s. 10d.

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. Special donations during the quarter have been received from:—

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James Melrose, Esq.	5	0	0
Do. (Don. for Beth-Shemesh Excavations)	5	0	0
W. Herbert Phillips, Esq.	5	0	0
Prof. G. A. Smith (Don. to publication of Gezer Memoir)	2	0	0
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Subscribers to the Fund are reminded that, whilst the receipt of every subscription and contribution is promptly acknowledged by the Assistant Secretary, they are now published annually, and not quarterly. A complete List of Subscribers and Subscriptions for 1909 is given in the Annual Report published with the April number.

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

The attention of those interested in the subject of the Exodus of the Israelites is called to the map of the "Desert of the Wanderings," from Mount Hor on the east to the Suez Canal on the west, and from Mount Sinai in the south to Beersheba in the north, which has been compiled by the War Office, and is based principally upon the sketch surveys of the Palestine Exploration Fund (scale 4 miles to the inch). In eight sheets, price 1s. 6d. per sheet.

The first edition of Mr. Macalister's work, *Bible Sidelights from the Mounds of Gezer*, was quickly sold out, and a second

edition is now on sale. It has been written to show how the results of digging in Palestine should appeal not only to the scientific anthropologist or archaeologist, 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. Price 5s. 4d., post free.

As we go to press, we learn that the Rev. J. E. Hanauer has made important discoveries of columns near the Great Mosque at Damascus, which indicate the existence of a great colonnade extending eastward from the Eastern Entrance to the old Roman Enclosure and parallel with Straight Street. Besides these, other fragments, all of which will be reported in detail in a future issue of the *Quarterly Statement*.

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. 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 the Secretary to the Fund, and crossed "Coutts & Co."

Judas Maccabaesus, by Colonel C. R. Conder, R.E. This interesting little book was among those of which the whole edition was destroyed in the fire at Messrs. Bain's warehouse in 1907. It has been reprinted and can again be supplied (4s. 6d.) on application to the Secretary.

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, 7d. 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 2s. 6d.

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.

Many readers will be interested to know that a reprint of Mr. Armstrong's book, *Names and Places in the Old and New Testaments*, is now ready. The book has been out of print for some years, but has been frequently enquired for.

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 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. E. W. G. Masterman, will give all information necessary.

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. Prof. Lewis B. Paton, Ph.D., Honorary General Secretary to the Fund, 50, Forest Street, Hartford, Conn.

Subscribers and others may be reminded that the smaller Raised Map of Palestine, constructed from the Surveys of the Palestine Exploration Fund by the late George Armstrong 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.

A complete set of the *Quarterly Statements*, 1869-1908, containing the early letters (now scarce), with an Index, 1869-1892, bound in the Palestine Exploration Fund cases, can be had. Price on application to the Secretary, 38, Conduit Street, W.

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.

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 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 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.

The Committee have to acknowledge with thanks, among other journals and books, the following :—

Society of Biblical Archaeology, 1910, III and IV: The Jewish royal Pottery-stamps, by E. J. Pilcher ; Hittite monuments of Cappadocia, by Guillaume de Jerphanion.

Expository Times, 1910, May : The German Excavations at Jericho, by E. de Knevet.

American Journal of Archaeology, 1910, I: Greek inscriptions from the Negeb, by N. Schmidt.

The Biblical World, 1910, Feb.-May: Excavations in Palestine, and The early religion of Palestine, by D. D. Luckenbill; April no.: Semitic prophecy, by J. M. P. Smith.

Sphinx, Vol. XIII, fasc. 5, 6; Vol. XIV, fasc. 1.

Journal Asiatique, Nov.-Dec., 1909; Jan.-Feb., 1910.

Interprétations erronées et faux monuments, by Lazare Belléli.

Extraits du Congrès Préhistorique de France: Camps et Enceintes (1907); Sur les Anses Multiforées à trous de suspension verticaux (1909); Quelques pièces à remarquer de la Céramique Néolithique de Provence (1910), by Dr. Adrien Guébbard.

Bulletin de la Société Préhist. de France, 1910: Presses et moulins à Huile Primitifs, by M. S. Clastrier.

Quelques Remarques sur l'Orpheus de M. Salomon Reinach: by R. P. M.-J. Lagrange.

Notes et Études d'Archéologie Orientale, by P. S. Ronzevalle, S.J. Monuments palmyréniens; le boeuf bossu en Syrie; *nefesh* rupestres.

Conférences de Saint-Étienne (École pratique d'Études Bibliques), 1909-1910: Les origines babyloniennes, by R. P. Dhorme; À travers les papyrus grecs, by R. P. Lagrange; Mesures de capacité des Hébreux au temps de l'Évangile, by R. P. Germer-Durand; Au bord du lac de Tibériade, by Dom Zéphyrin Biever; Mambré, by R. P. Abel; Marc Diacre et sa biographe de Saint Porphyre, évêque de Gaza, by R. P. Abel; Un arabe patriarche de Jérusalem, Saint Élie, by R. P. Génier.

Registre des Monnaies équivalentes anciennes et modernes: Journal du Temple de Paris, 1295-1296. L. Deslisle.

Échos d'Orient, May, 1910.

Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique, Jan.-April, 1910.

Al-Mashrik: Revue Catholique Orientale Mensuelle, 1910, March.

Atti della R. Accademia dei Lincei, 1909. Fasc. II: report on Oriental shrine found at Rome in 1909.

The Committee also beg to acknowledge with thanks the following books presented by Mrs. Ross Scott:—

City of the Great King. By Dr. Barclay.

Narrative of the Operations and Discoveries within the Pyramids, Temples, Tombs, and Excavations in Egypt and Nubia (2 vols.). By G. Belzoni.

The Pharaohs and their People. By E. Berkeley.

The Lebanon (2 vols.). By David Urquhart.

A Journey from Aleppo to Jerusalem. By Henry Maundrell, M.A.

Lectures on Hieroglyphics. By the Marquis Spineto.

Egypt of the Pharaohs and of the Kédivé. By F. Barham Zincke.

The Exodus Papyri. By the Rev. D. I. Heath, M.A.

History of Phoenicia. By Prof. Rawlinson.

The Monumental History of Egypt (2 vols.). By William Osburn.

See further below, pp. 234 *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 authorized 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.

The Committee desire to draw the attention of Subscribers to the Banker's Order Form enclosed, the use of which would greatly facilitate the administrative work of the Fund.

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 for the same.

NOTE.—Three Witnesses are necessary to a Will by the Law of the United States of America, and Two by the Law of the United Kingdom.