

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, June 16th, the Bishop of Chichester presiding.

Cards of admission will be issued, on application to the Secretary, on or after June 1st, when the place of Meeting will be specified.

NOTES AND NEWS.

OWING to causes which it was impossible to anticipate, Dr. Mackenzie has not yet been able to report any progress in the work of excavation. A considerable amount of preliminary details has been settled, and he contributes, in this issue, an account of the external features of the site of 'Ain Shems, with some remarks on the prospects of excavation. He has, moreover, been engaged upon other useful archaeological work in Moab and in Petra, and also sends a report of his survey of the topographical problems of the Gibeah district.

We publish, also, in this issue, an account by Prof. Driver of the discoveries of the American Expedition at Samaria. Various incomplete and partially inaccurate rumours have, from time to time, found their way into the Press, and the abstract, prepared by Prof. Driver on the basis of the most recently published and accessible sources, will be welcome to our readers. It will be observed that they are extremely interesting and suggestive, and afford every hope of making similar discoveries in other mounds, provided they are completely excavated.

In reference to the recent exceptional weather at Jerusalem, a correspondent writes, on February 19th, 1911 :—

“We have had a long spell of very stormy and unsettled weather. Just a week ago a really severe storm came: first strong westerly and south-westerly gales, and then a heavy fall of snow. It snowed, off and on, for three days, until the whole ground was covered several inches deep, and much of the snow still remains on the ground. Ships along the Syrian coast had a bad time. Of course we had no mails for quite a time. A large number of the ‘lighters’ at Jaffa Harbour were smashed, and some fishing-boats were sunk. At Jerusalem very severe damage has been done to the new German Sanitarium on the Mount of Olives, and few houses but have had some damage; several small houses collapsed, and others, up to, it is said, the number of thirty, have been condemned and are to be pulled down.

“I hear that one of the hotels in Jericho (the Hotel du Parc) has collapsed. There, instead of snow, they had heavy rain. Yesterday was beautifully fine again; but this afternoon the barometer has fallen, the wind has risen, and rain has recommenced.

“We have had already, this season, over 22 inches of rain, which is much for so early in the year.

“I fear that the severe weather has been very bad for the travelling season, many parties having been delayed, or prevented from landing.”

Other correspondents speak of snow lying in drifts five or six feet deep in and about Jerusalem, the traffic being much interfered with. The gale was so strong at Jaffa as to blow down our Meteorological Observation Stand and destroy the instruments. Altogether the storms seem to have been of very exceptional force and severity.

The Index to the Contents of the *Quarterly Statements*, 1893–1910 inclusive, will be ready in May.

Plaster casts of the raised contour map of Jerusalem have been prepared and can now be had on application. The horizontal scale of the map is $\frac{1}{25000}$ and the total dimensions are 5 feet \times 4 feet 3 inches. The remains of the city walls and streets discovered on the Eastern and Western Hills are indicated in red lines. This map

will be a most valuable help in the study of Jerusalem topography. Price £3 3s. Case and packing extra.

A new and improved edition of the large photo relief map of Palestine (5 miles = 1 inch) is now ready. Price 6s. 9d. unmounted. Mounted on cloth, roller, and varnished, 10s. 6d. Size, mounted, 30 inches by 52 inches.

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.

The income of the Society from December 15th, 1910, to March 15th, 1911, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Local Societies, £571 17s. 2d.; from Lectures, £3 19s. 0d.; from sales of publications, £81 2s. 2d.; making in all, £656 18s. 4d. The expenditure during the same period was £591 15s. 1d. On March 15th, the balance in the bank was £621 3s. 10d.

Subscribers who have not yet paid will greatly facilitate the Committee's efforts by sending in their subscriptions, and thus save the expense of sending out reminders.

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. A complete List of Subscribers and Subscriptions for the year is given in the Annual Report published with this number.

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

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.

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 send for a copy, price 2s. 6d.

The Arabic astrological treatise by a Jerusalem Christian native, translated and annotated by Miss Gladys Dickson, and first published in the *Quarterly Statement*, 1908-9, can now be obtained in pamphlet form (price 1s. post free).

A reprint of the late 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.

A complete set of the *Quarterly Statements*, 1869-1910, containing some of 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.

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 1 p.m.

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.

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

Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, Vol. XXXIII, Part 1 :

The Tombs of the Kings at Jerusalem, by the Rev. P. J. O. Minos, Ph.D.

The Interpreter, Jan., 1911 : An account of some recent archaeological discoveries in Jerusalem, by the Rev. Canon Yates.

Annals of Archaeology and Anthropology (University of Liverpool), Vol. III, Nos. 1-3.

The Expository Times, Feb., 1911 : Yahmeh and Jerusalem, by Prof. Sayce.

The Imperial and Asiatic Quarterly Review, Jan., 1911 : Muhammadan influences, by J. F. Scheltema, M.A.

Bulletin of the Archaeological Institute of America, 1910.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem, by Geo. Jeffrey (Cyprus). (From the *Journal of the Royal Inst. of British Architects*, Vol. XVII, Nos. 18-20.)

Orientalisms in Bible Lands : "Light from customs, habits, manners, imagery, thought and life in the East for Bible Students," by E. W. Rice, D.D. (Philadelphia, 1910).

Revue Biblique, Jan., 1911 : The problem of the land of Job, by Prof. Dhorme ; inscriptions from Syria, discoveries in Jerusalem, by Prof. Abel ; the American excavations at Samaria, by Prof. Vincent ; etc., etc.

Die Palästina-Literatur : eine internationale Bibliographie, etc., ed. by P. Thomsen, Vol. 2. The Literature for 1905-09 (Leipzig, 1911).

Palästina : Monatsschrift für die Erschliessung Palästinas, Jan., 1911.

Mittheilungen u. Nachrichten des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins, 1910, Nos. 5 and 6 : A description of Nebi Mûsa, by Dr. R. Hartmann ; meteorological observations, etc.

NEA SION, Nov.-Dec., 1910.

Η ΟΔΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΡΤΥΡΙΟΥ, by T. P. Themelē, Jerusalem, 1910 ;
Topographical discussions.

Atti della R. Accademia dei Lincei, 1910, Parts 7, 8.

Échos d'Orient, Nov., 1910 ; Jan., 1911.

Acta Pontifici Institutii Biblici: Nuntia de Rebus Institutii, 1910,
Vol. I, Nos. 1-4.

Al-Mashrik: Revue Catholique Orientale Mensuelle. Jan., 1911: The
Sanctuary of St. Stephen at Jerusalem, by P. Et. Doumet, O.P. ;
Science and Religion, by Louis Pasteur ; etc.

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.

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 con-
tributors 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, 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 _____
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of the Palestine Exploration Fund shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

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States of America, and Two by the Law of the United Kingdom.*