

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Society is urgently in need of present additional support to enable the excavations to be pursued with the requisite vigour. Donations for this purpose will be most welcome. The publication of the Gezer Memoir, now almost complete, will also make a heavy demand on the resources of the Fund.

The Committee desire to inform subscribers and correspondents that, at the *end of this year*, the Society's Offices will be transferred to new premises. Their present Lease expires at Christmas next; and, through the generosity of an old subscriber who desires to remain anonymous, they have acquired a freehold house, No. 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square. Considerable repairs and alterations will be undertaken at once so that the Society may occupy their new premises by the end of the current year.

The forty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the P.E.F. was held on Friday, 16th June, at the Botanical Theatre, University College; Sir Edwin Pears in the Chair. Sir Charles Watson described to a large and interested audience some of the considerable changes in the Holy Land which had occurred between his previous visits and the one he had recently undertaken. After a summary of the work of the Fund during the past year, he explained the features of Beth-Shemesh and the course of the new excavations, reading Dr. Mackenzie's letter on the stage which the excavations have reached. A full account of the Meeting is printed in this issue.

We also print a summary of Dr. Mackenzie's work from the commencement, April 6th to May 17th, and have to express our indebtedness to the Dominican Professor of Archaeology, Father Vincent, for a bright Paper on a visit he paid to Beth-Shemesh at the invitation of Sir Charles Watson. Those who would suppose that archaeology is a dry and uninteresting subject should read his "Archaeological Invocation" (below, pp. 143-151), a delightful treatment of a technical discussion by an enthusiastic and facile pen.

It will be seen from the speeches at the Annual Meeting and the Reports, that the Fund's excavations have already yielded extremely valuable results—a very happy augury considering the brief time during which work has been possible. We cannot too urgently emphasize the statement in the first paragraph above that there is pressing need for additional financial support. The aim of the Fund is to perform excavations with thoroughness and to publish the results with completeness; and the publication of the Gezer Memoir itself is a heavy drain upon the Fund's resources. Admiration has been frequently expressed on every side at the scientific manner in which Prof. R. A. S. Macalister excavated Gezer, and at the richness of the results. The Fund feel they owe it to the future of Biblical research to publish Prof. Macalister's work as adequately as possible, and now that at Beth-Shemesh, Dr. Mackenzie and Mr. Newton have already begun to make discoveries of great importance for our knowledge of the ancient Bible Lands, their appeal for increased financial support is made in the confident hope that subscribers and their friends will realize the claim of the pioneer of Palestinian Societies to their generosity.

Home Words for Jerusalem, April, 1911, records the opening of the new building in connection with the Out-patient Department of the Medical Institution at Gaza. Although the majority of the funds for the building has been collected, a sum of £200 is still needed to free the erection of debt.

The Rev. J. E. Hanauer sends interesting accounts of discoveries recently made in Damascus, a fuller record of which we hope to publish in a subsequent issue. They relate to the Great Mosque and include portions of a carved sarcophagus and fragments of early Greek inscriptions.

The Index to the Contents of the *Quarterly Statements*, 1893-1910 inclusive, can be had on application to the Secretary, price 5s.

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 $\frac{1}{31500}$ 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 March 15th to June 16th, 1911, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Local Societies, £210 9s. 11d. ; drawn from Deposit Account, £500 0s. 0d. ; from sales of publications, £78 2s. 5d. ; making in all, £788 12s. 4d. The expenditure during the same period was £976 12s. 5d. On June 16th, the balance in the bank was £433 3s. 9d.

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 1910 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. Dr. E. W. G. Masterman has kindly consented to act as Honorary General Secretary for Palestine.

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 :—

Churches in Lower Nubia, by G. S. Mileham, edited by D. Randall-Maciver (University of Pennsylvania, Eckley B. Coxe Junior Expedition to Nubia, Vol. II).

Annals of Archaeology and Anthropology (University of Liverpool), Vol. III, Nos. 1-4.

The Interpreter : A Quarterly Magazine of Biblical and Theological Study. January number contains an account by the Rev. Canon Yates of recent archaeological research in Jerusalem.

The London Quarterly Review, January and April, 1911.

Orientalisms in Bible Lands : "Giving light from customs, habits, manners, imagery, thought and life in the East for Bible Students," by E. W. Rice, D.D. (Philadelphia, 1910). An excellent collection of material illustrative of the Bible.

Walks about Jerusalem, by the Rev. J. E. Hanauer (London, 1910). An interesting description of the antiquities, scenery, life and thought.

- Biblical Geography and History*, by Prof. C. F. Kent, Ph.D. (Scribners, New York, 1911.) A history of Biblical Palestine in the light of geographical and other research.
- Palestine and its Transformation*, by Ellsworth Huntington (Yale). (London, 1911.) Descriptive chapters by an expert geographer on Palestinian scenery, climate and historical and other characteristics.
- Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology*, Hittite notes and other contributions, by Prof. Sayce; the Tombs of the Kings at Jerusalem, by the Rev. P. J. O. Minos; Some Unconventional Views on the text of the Bible, by Sir H. H. Howorth; etc.
- Compte Rendu des Travaux du Congrès*. Ninth International Congress of Geography, Geneva, 1908, Vol. III, pt. 2 (Geneva, 1911). The Commerce of Ancient Egypt with the surrounding nations, by Prof. Naville; the voyage of André Michaux in Syria and Persia, 1782-1785, by the late Dr. Hamy.
- Journal Asiatic*, XVI, 1, 1910. Review by Max Van Berchem of *Mission archéologique en Arabie* (Fathers Jaussen and Savignac).
- Revue Biblique*, April, 1911: Les pays bibliques et l'Assyrie, by R. P. Dhorme; l'église de l'Éléona (Mount of Olives), by R. P. H. Vincent (an exhaustive article of 47 pages with numerous plans and illustrations); inscriptions from Jericho and Scythopolis, note on the Samaritan ostraka, by R. P. Abel, etc.
- École Française d'Athènes: Bulletin de correspondance Hellénique*, 1910-1911.
- Travaux de la section numismatique et archéologique du musée national de Transylvanie à Kolozsvár (Hongrie)*, ii, I, 1911. (Hungarian, with abridgements in French), the ethnographical study of manufactured objects; the monetary system of Etruria; etc.
- Palästina: Monatsschrift für die Erschliessung Palästinas*, April-May, 1911. The chemical analysis of the Dead Sea, by A. Friedmann, Königsberg.
- Talmudische Archäologie*, Vols. I and II. By Dr. S. Krauss (Fock, Leipzig, 1911). Complete and extremely valuable handbooks to Jewish archaeology on the basis of the Talmud and other Rabbinical writings.
- Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins*, XXXIV, 1-3. The plants of Palestine, by J. E. Dinsmore and Dr. Dalman; Judaea, according to Josephus, by Dr. Erwin Nestle; topographical studies: Gath and Azekah, by Dr. Hölscher; Mizpah, by E. Baumann, etc.
- Jerusalem, Jahrbuch*, XI, 1 and 2.
- Échos d'Orient*, March, 1911.

NEA ΣΙΩΝ, Jan.-Feb. 1911. History and topography of Joppa, by John Pocyrides, etc.

Al-Mashrik: Revue Catholique Orientale Bimensuelle. Jan., 1911: Excursion in the Lebanon districts of Kharrüb and Shūf, by P. I. Harfouche. Feb.: Edhemiyeħ or the Grotto of Jeremiah, and Gordon's Sepulchre, by P. Fr. Drunkel.

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 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 enclosed 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 _____ 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.*