

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

OUR readers are requested to notice that in consequence of the Expiration of the Lease of our Office in Conduit Street, all communications should, after the 15th December next, be addressed to—

2, HINDE STREET,
MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.,

where the London Office of the Palestine Exploration Fund will for the future be established.

An abstract of Dr. Duncan Mackenzie's second report of the Fund's excavations at 'Ain Shems is given in this number. It is naturally a mere outline and will be superseded by the more elaborate account which he himself will subsequently draw up. Work has been confined chiefly to the tombs, eight of which have been carefully examined, and their structure and contents prove to be extremely interesting for the investigation of the history of the site and for the science of Palestinian archaeology. Much fresh light has already been thrown upon the character of the influences in the 'Ain Shems district, and upon the development of funereal usages, and a great deal of valuable evidence bearing upon the evolution of culture in early Palestine has been collected and studied.

In August a large number of the workpeople were affected by local fever, and, taking into consideration the serious diminution of the working force, the risk to those remaining, and the fact that our finances would in no case permit of the excavations being carried on with the same force as hitherto, Dr. Mackenzie decided to close the work for two months, commencing again in the middle of October. It has to be borne in mind that, unless a large force of workers can be employed, the camp expenses, which are constant, make the results disproportionately costly.

Owing to the pressure of Prof. R. A. Stewart Macalister's duties at the National University of Ireland, the publication of the Gezer Memoir has been considerably delayed. Subscribers will now be glad to know that the complete work will be issued before the end of the year.

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 $\frac{1}{25000}$ 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 June 16th to September 16th, 1911, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Local Societies, £134 13s. 0d.; from sales of publications, £35 2s. 6d.; Interest on Deposit Account, £12 16s. 7d. An additional loan of £500 brought the available total to £682 12s. 1d. The expenditure during the same period was £386 9s. 6d. On September 16th, the balance in the bank was £729 6s. 4d.

Special donation towards the excavation of Beth-Shemesh ('Ain Shems): Miss Rebecca Mocatta, £5 0s. 0d.

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.

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, 1869-1910, bound in the Palestine Exploration Fund cases, can be had. Price on application to the Secretary, 38, Conduit Street, W.¹

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.¹

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.¹

The Museum at the office of the Fund, 38, Conduit Street, W.,¹ 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.

¹ On and after 15th December the address of the Fund will be 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W.

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 5. Notes on an unexplored district of Northern Syria, by Prof. Sayce.

Israel in Britain: Evidences for the Israelitish Origin of the British Race, by Col. Garnier (Banks and Son, London).

The American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal, Vol. XXXIII, No. 2.

The Biblical World, July, 1911.

Records of the Past, May–June, 1911.

The American Journal of Philology, Vol. XXXII, No. 2.

The American Journal of Archaeology, April–June, 1911.

Publications of the Princeton Univ. Archaeol. Expeditions to Syria in 1904–5 and 1909. Div. II—Ancient Architecture, Syria, by H. C. Butler. Div. III—Greek and Latin Inscriptions in Syria, by E. Littmann, D. Magie, jr., and D. R. Stuart. Sect. A—S. Syria; Part 2, S. Hauran.

Mittheilungen u. Nachrichten d. Deutschen Palästina-Vereins, 1911, No. 2. Proverbs and Popular Phrases (concluded), by Lic. Theol. E. Baumann; the New Discoveries at Samaria, by Dr. G. Hölscher.

L'Église de l'Éléona, by Prof. H. Vincent, O.P. (Reprinted from the *Revue Biblique*, April, 1911.)

Revue Biblique, July, 1911: Les pays bibliques et l'Assyrie (concluded), by R. P. Dhorme; chronologie des œuvres de Josèphe, by R. P. H. Vincent; exploration de la vallée du Jourdain, by R. P. Abel; nouvelle inscription grecque de Medaba, by R. P. Savignac, etc., etc.

Conférences de Saint-Étienne: École pratique d'Études Bibliques, 1910–11 (Paris, 1911). À la recherche des sites bibliques, by R. P. Lagrange; les Aryens avant Cyrus, by R. P. Dhorme; la prise de Jérusalem par les Arabes, by R. P. Abel; Bonaparte en Syrie, by R. P. Génier; le V^{te} Eugène-Melchior de Vogüé, by R. P. Créchet; la sculpture franque en Palestine, by R. P. Germer-Durand; au bord du lac de Tibériade, by Dom Zéphyrin Brever.

NEA ΣΙΩΝ, May-June, 1911.

Al-Mashrik: Revue Catholique. June, 1911: The recent excavations at Samaria, by P. L. Cheikho, S.J., etc. July, 1911: The relations between the Orient and the Occident, by P. A. Rabbath, S.J.

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.*