

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

REMOVAL OF THE SOCIETY'S OFFICES.

By the time this issue is in the hands of our Subscribers, the Offices of the Palestine Exploration Fund will have been established in their new freehold premises, No. 2, **HINDE STREET, MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.**, and all letters should now be so addressed.

Since the house became the property of the Society, it has undergone very complete repair and alteration, at the expense of the donor, to fit it for the purposes of the Fund. **Hinde Street** leads from the east side of **Manchester Square**, and **No. 2** is next door to **Mandeville Place**, and on the south side of the street.

The Office and Museum are on the ground floor.

The excavations at 'Ain Shems are now suspended for the winter rainy season. Unfortunately, Dr. Mackenzie has been seriously ill. When he found it necessary in the latter part of the summer to close the work, on account of the prevalence of fever among the workpeople, he retired to Athens, to complete his records in the Library of the British School, but within a month was laid low by dysentery. He expected to return to Palestine early in October, but a relapse prevented this; and although Mr. Newton re-opened the camp, Dr. Mackenzie was unable to return to proceed with the excavations. Instructions have now been sent for both gentlemen to return to England, bringing with them all notes, plans, and

illustrations of the past year's campaign, to prepare them for publication, since the season will not allow of further digging before the end of March.

The Visits of Tourists to Excavations in Progress. As several correspondents have sent to the Committee the advertising prospectus of organizers of Tours in Palestine, which promise facilities for "spending the day" at the site now excavating, and include some very erroneous and exaggerated accounts of antiquities found elsewhere, it seems necessary to issue some caution on the subject. All subscribers, *on obtaining a Voucher from our Hon. Secretary at Jerusalem*, will be welcome to visit the excavations, and are encouraged to do so. Strangers will only be admitted, in limited parties, when provided with an order, from the same source, for which a payment towards the cost of the work must be made. Information can be obtained from Messrs. T. Cook & Son, at Jerusalem, or from the local Hon. Secretary, Dr. E. W. G. Masterman. Photographing will not be allowed except by special permission of the Director.

The Index to the *Quarterly Statements* previously published included the years from 1869 to 1892, and the need for its continuation to a more recent date has been greatly felt. Some of the most important of the discoveries and work of the Palestine Exploration Fund belong to later years. Such are the excavations of sites in the Shephelah and around Ophel, by Messrs. Bliss and Dickie, and the great work at Gezer, by Prof. Stewart Macalister, besides many valuable papers and discussions on the sites in Jerusalem and elsewhere. During the year just passed, the Committee decided to supplement the old Index by one which should include the completion of the work at Gezer, that is to say, from 1893 to 1910. The laborious task was undertaken by Mr. Dickie, whose familiarity with the matter dealt with, and conscientious exactitude, have now enabled the Committee to publish it with confidence. Price in cloth, 5s. ; unbound, 3s. 6d.

At Jerusalem, on 14th October of last year, the new Children's Wards at the Hospital were formally opened and dedicated by the

Right Rev. Bishop Blyth. Dr. Masterman gave some account of the generous efforts of donors and workers who contributed to the building. The new Operating Room was also dedicated on the same occasion. Dr. Masterman made an appeal for further subscriptions on behalf of the Hospital, which, in view of the good work it accomplishes in Jerusalem, deserves encouragement.

A course of three "Schweich" lectures were delivered for the British Academy at Burlington Gardens by Prof. R. A. Stewart Macalister on the 15th, 18th and 22nd December, the subject being "The Philistines, their History and Civilisation." The lectures were well attended and aroused considerable interest. They will be published in full by the British Academy in the course of this year.

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 September 16th to December 15th, 1911, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Local Societies, £349 15s. 9d.; from sales of publications, £64 10s. 4d.; making in all £414 6s. 1d. The expenditure during the same period was £597 1s. 9d. On December 15th, the balance in the bank was £546 10s. 8d.

A further amount of a little over £200 has been received from the Executors of the late Miss Mary Ropes, of Salem, Mass., U.S.A.

Subscribers who have not yet paid will greatly facilitate the Committee's efforts by sending in their subscriptions early in the year, 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, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, 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, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, 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, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W.

The Museum at the office of the Fund, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W., 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 6. An Aramaic Ostrakon from Elephantinê, by Prof. Sayce.

University of Liverpool: Annals of Archaeology and Anthropology, Vol. IV, Nos. 2 and 3. Excavations at Meroë in Ethiopia, by Prof. Garstang, Sayce, and Bosanquet; Hittite Bronze Statuette, by J. Offord; Translation of the Hittite Archives from Boghaz Keui, published by Winckler, by M. E. Williams.

The Annual of the British School at Athens, No. XVI, Session 1909-10.

The American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal, Vol. XXXIII, No. 3.

Some Early Amulets from Palestine, by Prof. J. A. Montgomery. Reprinted from the *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 1911.

Revue Biblique, Oct., 1911: A Lihyanite Inscription from El-Öla, by Prof. Jaussen and Savignac; the Recent Excavations on Ophel, by Prof. Vincent.

Mittheilungen u. Nachrichten d. Deutschen Palästina-Vereins, 1911, No. 4. Site of Aphasrema (Apherema), by Prof. Guthe; the search after the temple-treasury in Jerusalem, by Prof. Dalman.

Zeitschrift of the preceding. The plants of Palestine, by J. E. Dinsmore and Prof. Dalman.

Echos d'Orient, July, September, 1911.

Litterarischer Palästina Almanach, 1911-1912, A. M. Luncz.

Palästina, 1911, Nos. VIII-X.

Loghat el-Arab: Revue littéraire, scientifique et historique, sous la direction des Pères Carmes de Mésopotamie.

Al-Mashrik: Oct., 1911: the Christian Churches of Damascus since the Arab Conquest, by Ibn 'Asâkir.

NEA ΣΙΩΝ, July-August, 1911.

Atti della R. Accademia dei Lincei, Vol. VIII, fasc. 3 and 4.

Hä-ârets: The Land. Index of Ancient and Modern place-names of Syria and Palestine. Published by the Koheleth Society for the publication of educational books in Hebrew for the use of schools in Palestine.

See further below pp. 46-50.

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 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.

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.*
