

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

REMOVAL OF THE SOCIETY'S OFFICES.

Subscribers and others are reminded that the Offices of the Palestine Exploration Fund have been established in their new freehold premises, No. 2, **HINDE STREET, MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.**, and all letters should now be so addressed. **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.

Mr. Archibald C. Dickie has been appointed Professor of Architecture at the University of Manchester; and, by the time this "Quarterly" is issued, will have taken up his important new duties. While, on the one hand, he has their hearty congratulations on this well deserved distinction, the Committee have every reason to regret the loss of his valuable services which have been rendered ungrudgingly and most efficiently. Upon the death of Mr. Armstrong, who for so many years filled the position of Acting Secretary, it seemed impossible to replace one who knew Palestine from end to end; but from the time that the Committee prevailed on Mr. Dickie to come to their aid, his local knowledge, his experience in excavation, and of the habits and prejudices of the population, have proved a constant advantage; whilst his architectural and archæological training, his orderly methods, and, not least, his amiability and tact have been invaluable.

Many subscribers may be unaware that, when our Treasurer resolved on his munificent gift of freehold premises to this Society, it was Mr. Dickie who, at the Treasurer's request, negotiated the purchase, planned and superintended the alterations and repairs, and finally effected the removal, in good order, of all the Society's property, books, papers, models and antiquities to the new premises. His talent for organization and order made this an opportunity for arranging the objects in the Museum systematically and effectively as was never before possible.

That this was all done while the regular office-work and correspondence were carried on without interruption speaks much for those qualities which have made Mr. Dickie's services so valuable.

The Committee have appointed as Chief Clerk Mr. George Ovenden, who has been in their Office for some twelve years, under both Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Dickie, and has acquired a thorough knowledge of the business of the Office, as well as a considerable acquaintance with all that has gone on in Palestinian Exploration.

The *Annual* of the P.E.F. for 1911 is now to be had. It contains three important monographs by Dr. Duncan Mackenzie and Dr. Gustav Dalman, and is plentifully illustrated with forty plans and drawings by Mr. Francis G. Newton. Dr. Mackenzie gives an exhaustive account of the megalithic monuments at Ammān, which he has studied in the light of similar monuments elsewhere; it is the most important contribution to this subject that has yet been written, and will be of value to all who are interested in the very difficult questions which these remarkable remains have raised. Dr. Mackenzie also writes a full description of the P.E.F. excavations at 'Ain Shems in 1911. This supersedes the brief reports published in the *Q.S.*; it gives a complete survey and classification of the discoveries, and investigates the historical and other problems which the excavation has brought. Finally, Prof. Dalman has contributed a very noteworthy account of the "Treasury of Pharaoh" at Petra. He gives a careful description of the architectural and other features of this remarkable façade, the date of which he discusses. Apropos of this monograph it should be mentioned that on page 107 a slight misprint has crept into Dr. Dalman's report: the façade is to be

ascribed to the period of such Nabatean kings as Aretas IV Philodemos or Rabbelos II Soter.

Sir John Gray Hill, in opening the Palestine Exhibition in Liverpool on June 4th, gave an interesting account of his experiences in Palestine. He owns some land on the Mount of Olives, and for many years has spent his holidays in the East among a people whose hearts he has won. In his speech he refers to the barrack-like buildings which have been erected by the Jews in the New North Jewish suburb, and he has sent to the office two photographs illustrating the cramped and dreary habitations in which many of the Jews live. He reports, however, that prominent Jews are taking the matter up, and in consultation with him the question of a garden suburb has been raised. His speech emphasizes the agricultural possibilities of Palestine. Irrigation is the chief problem. There are many old cisterns round and near Jerusalem, but they need overhauling. He mentions one which was circular in shape, no less than 56 feet deep by 45 feet in diameter, so that it could have held an enormous amount of water. On his own land there was originally no cistern visible, but after a search several were found and improved, and there are now six very large ones, holding about 800,000 gallons of water, ample for all purposes, and a boon to the poor peasants in the dry season.

Prof. R. A. S. Macalister writes to point out that the translation of the Arabic inscriptions upon the graves of Sarah and Leah in the article on the "Cenotaphs of the Hebrew Patriarchs" (*Q.S.*, July, pp. 145-150) should read: "This [is] the tomb of our lady Sāra; Allah receive her with favour; wife of the prophet 'the Friend of the Compassionate,' upon him be the peace"; and "This [is] the tomb of our lady Lāikah; Allah receive her with favour; wife of the prophet Ya'kūb, upon him be the peace."

The Rev. J. E. Hanauer writes that the Damascus Greek inscription (*Q.S.*, July, p. 150), line 2, reads **ZHNΩNOΣ** and not **ZENΩNOΣ**. Mr. Newton, he says, reports that this inscription and Dr. Popolani's are still *in situ*. Apropos of Mr. Farmer's note (p. 159), he forwards snap-shots of a *hiltān* or heavy threshing-sledge with toothed and circular saw-like iron wheels. This form of

threshing-sledge is said to be very common further north, at Hamah, Homs, etc.—there is a description of it in the *Q.S.*, 1891, p. 114 *seq.* He also sends a photograph showing traces of an apse or *mihrab* in the large recess of the southern walls of the church and mosque close to the “House of Ananias.”

Prof. Ronzevalle has recently published some valuable *Notes and Studies on Oriental Archaeology*, among which is an article on the Gezer-tablet with new reproductions. He decides that it is not a “palimpsest,” he is convinced of its great antiquity, and thanks to a minute examination of the original, he has been able to make several new and important suggestions to which we hope to refer in another issue.

Mr. Pilcher has written for the *Q.S.* an interesting and valuable monograph on the *Weights of Ancient Palestine*, the conclusion of which appears in this issue. Apart from the utility of the enquiry from a more academical point of view, the subject is of interest to many, and it will be seen that the weights unearthed in course of excavation are not isolated phenomena, but admit of being brought into association with other branches of archaeology. As, step by step, this investigation of details and correlation of results link up larger bodies of evidence, it is found that we are no longer dealing with data which are of trifling value and of no general interest, but we are gaining new light upon the vicissitudes of internal conditions in Ancient Palestine which are more immediately helpful to every intelligent student of the Bible.

On Saturday, September 7th, Sir Charles Watson gave an address on the work of the Fund at the United College Hall, St. Andrews. The meeting was presided over by the Bishop of London, and resulted in the foundation of a local branch with the Rev. Dr. J. D. Sloan as the local Secretary.

The Bishop of Chichester has written a preface to Archdeacon Dowling's forthcoming third edition to his *Jerusalem Patriarchate*. The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge have just published the Archdeacon's *Sketches of Georgian Church History* (Illustrated), price 2s. 6d., and his *Sketches of Caesarea (Palaestina)*, from earliest Caesar to latest Sultan, price 1s. 6d.

The statement on p. 145 of the *Q.S.* regarding the uniqueness of the photographs of the Cave of Machpelah needs some modification. The *P.E.F.* already possessed slides of some of the views, and when the Sultan of Turkey ordered photographs to be taken more than eight years ago, copies were obtainable in Jerusalem.

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 on and around Ophel, by Messrs. Bliss and Dickie, in the Shephelah, by Messrs. Bliss and Macalister, 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. (now Prof.) 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.

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

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 to 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.

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 1911 is given in the Annual Report published with the April number.

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.

A reprint of *Names and Places in the Old and New Testaments*, by Mr. George Armstrong, is now ready, price 6s. The book was out of print for some years.

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 General Secretary for Palestine, 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 :—

The Dead Sea; A New Route to India, &c., by Captain W. Allen, R.N. (2 vols.). Kindly presented by Mr. Hubert Garle.

Society of Biblical Archaeology, 1912. Part 5.

Annals of Archaeology and Anthropology, Vol. V, parts 1 and 2. Second Interim Report on the Excavations at Sakje-Geuzi in North Syria, 1911, by Prof. J. Garstang; Third Interim Report on the Excavations at Meroe in Ethiopia, by Prof. J. Garstang, D.Sc.

For all the World. Annual Report of the Religious Tract Society.

The Biblical World, May, 1912. Recent Excavations in Jerusalem, by Dr. E. W. G. Masterman, July and August.

American Journal of Archaeology, April-June, 1912.

Revue Biblique, July, 1912: La Secte Juive de la Nouvelle Alliance au Pays de Damas, par R. P. Lagrange; Les recents fouilles d'Ophel, par R. P. H. Vincent.

- Le Sacerdoce ou 1ère Homélie sur le Sacerdoce*, par St. J. Maron.
Echos d'Orient, July and August, 1911.
- Bulletin de Correspondence Hellénique*, Jan.-April, 1912.
- Notes et Études d'Archéologie Orientale*: extract from the "Mélanges de la faculté orientale," Beirut; by S. Ronzevalle, S.J. L'Aigle funéraire en Syrie; monuments phéniciens du Musée de Constantinople; Terre-cuite de Saïda; traces du culte de Tanfî en Phénicie; la tablette hébraïque de Gézer, etc.
- Zeitschrift des deutschen Palästina-Vereins*, Vol. XXXV, Part 3.
- Mittheilungen und Nachrichten, Palästina-Vereins*, 1912, No. 4.
- Records of the Past*, May-June, 1912.
- Sphinx*, June-July, 1912.
- Atti della R. Accademia dei Lincei*; 1911, fasc. 11 and 12 and Vol. VIII, Supplements.
- NEA SIGON**, March-April and May-June, 1912.
- Al-Athar: Revue universelle mensuelle*, by I. A. Malouf, Zahleh, Lebanon, Vol. I, Parts 4-12.
- Al-Mashrik: Revue Catholique Orientale Mensuelle*: June, July and August, 1912.

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.

The Committee desire specially to thank Mrs. Ross Scott for the following valuable contributions to the Library:—

- Dictionary of the Bible* (3 Vols., ed. 1863), by W. Smith, LL.D.
- The Hill of the Graces*, by H. S. Cowper, F.S.A.
- The New Biblical Guide* (8 Vols.), by Rev. John Urquhart.
- The Source of the Blue Nile*, by Arthur J. Hayes, L.S.A.
- Stones Crying Out*, by L. N. R.
- The Fall of Babylon Foreshadowed*, by Rev. John Cumming, D.D.
- Palmyra and Zenobia*, by Dr. William Wright.
- The Bible and How to Read It* (4 Vols.), by Rev. John Urquhart.
- The Unknown Life of Christ*, by Nicolas Notovitch.
- The Sacred Books of the East*, edited by Max Müller (24 Vols.).
- The Pentateuch and Book of Joshua Critically Examined*, by the Right Rev. John William Colenso, D.D., Bishop of Natal.

Rawlinson's Herodotus (3 Vols.).

A History of Egypt from the Earliest Times to the Middle Ages, by W. M. Flinders Petrie, Stanley Lane Poole, J. G. Milne and J. P. Mahaffy (5 Vols.).

Nippur, or Explorations and Adventures on the Euphrates, by J. P. Peters, Ph.D., Sc.D., D.D. (2 Vols.).

Rivers of Life, or Faiths of Man, by J. G. R. Forlong (2 Vols. and chart).

Asiatic Researches, by A. H. L. Heeven (2 Vols.).

The Birds of the Bible, by Rev. J. G. Wood, M.A., F.L.S.

Cairo, Jerusalem and Damascus, by D. S. Margoliouth, D.Litt.

Palestine in the Time of Christ, by Edmund Stupper, D.D.

The Giant Cities of Bashan, by Rev. J. L. Porter.

The Biblical Keepsake, by Rev. Thomas Hartwell Horne, B.D.

The Story of the Last Days of Jerusalem, by Rev. Alfred J. Church, M.A.

My Tour in Palestine and Syria, by F. H. Deverell.

The Land of Israel, by H. B. Tristram, M.A., F.L.S., etc.

Dictionary of Greek and Roman Geography, by William Smith, LL.D.

The Rob Roy on the Jordan, by J. Macgregor, M.A.

Under the Syrian Sun (2 Vols.), by A. C. Inchbold.

A Journey to Damascus, by Viscount Castlereagh, M.P.

History of the Plagues of Egypt, by Thomas S. Millington.

The Great Sahara, by H. B. Tristram, M.A., F.L.S., etc.

The Story of the Pharaohs, by Rev. James Baikie, F.R.A.S.

Egypt and the Holy Land, by Rev. J. A. Spencer, M.A.

Jerusalem the Holy City, by Mrs. Oliphant.

The Land of Gilead, by Laurence Oliphant.

Eothen, Travels in Turkey, Syria and Palestine, by Kinglake.

The Holy Land, Egypt, Constantinople, Athens, etc. A series of photos. taken for H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, by Francis Bedford, with descriptive text by W. M. Thompson.

An Artist's Walks in Bible Lands, by Henry A. Harper.

The Holy Land, painted by John Fulleylove, R.I.; described by John Kelman, M.A.

From Damascus to Palmyra, by John Kelman, M.A., D.D., painted by Margaret Thomas.

Bible Animals, by Rev. J. G. Wood, M.A., F.L.S.

Scripture Illustrated by Engravings, by The Religious Tract Society.

Travels in Ethiopia, by G. A. Hoskins, Esq.

Palestine Illustrated, by Sir Richard Temple.

Whiston's Josephus (Vol. I, 1825 edition), by Rev. S. Burder.

For list of authorized lecturers and their subjects, see end of the Journal, or write to the Secretary.

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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.

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