

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

ON closing the operations at 'Ain Shems, at the beginning of August, Dr. Duncan Mackenzie proceeded to Athens, there to draw up his Report, where the Museum and the British School Library were available for reference. When about to leave Athens he unexpectedly received from a generous subscriber, who was visiting Athens (and who desires to be known only as M.E.L.), the unsolicited promise of £100, with which to continue the excavation of the cave at the "High Place" of Beth-Shemesh, which otherwise the financial position of this Society would not have justified. The first half of this donation was then and there advanced, and upon its receipt the Committee telegraphed to Dr. Mackenzie to proceed with the work. The Committee learn that the donor himself visited the site, and was present at the re-opening of the excavations.

The Committee have not as yet received Dr. Mackenzie's Report, but the various finds have been sorted and photographed, and will be carefully catalogued before being handed over to the Turkish authorities in accordance with the terms of the Imperial "permit." When this is done, Dr. Mackenzie will leave Palestine for Egypt, to take up an engagement under which he will be occupied with excavations in the Soudan.

The expenses of publication having been unusually heavy during the last two years, a pause in the costly work of excavation becomes necessary, as it must always do from time to time.

Whilst excavation is actually in hand, it is found better to press on the work with a large force of labour; but this rapidly depletes the Society's resources; and so long as the excavations remain open, even the intervals necessitated by climate are not free from expense.

Not until Dr. Mackenzie's full Report and illustrations are received and examined can the value of the examination of the site of Beth-Shemesh be really estimated. That it has proved a very early and continuous occupation of the site over a long period we already know, but we have yet to learn to what extent the work has thrown light on the connection of the site with Biblical History.

Certainly the operations have been accompanied by several unfortunate circumstances. The early official delays, the agitations caused by the indiscreet conduct of an independent party of explorers, the vexatious suspension and changes of the Imperial Commissioners, and other causes of delay have made the excavation of Beth-Shemesh a source of unusual trouble and anxiety to the Committee, as well as a cause of disproportionate expense.

We have received the first instalment of the long-expected work on Jerusalem by the famous Dominican archaeologist Père Hugues Vincent of the Frères Prêcheurs, Jerusalem. In this great work he proposes to deal exhaustively and comprehensively with the history of Jerusalem in the national and religious evolution of Israel. The first volume will deal with Jerusalem, to the year 70 A.D., while the second will carry it on to the present day. Both volumes will consist of four fascicules (each 10 francs, or 68 francs for the whole), and the whole will be the completest and most valuable survey of its kind. Father Vincent has devoted over twenty years to questions of Palestinian topography and archaeology, and his numerous studies in the *Revue Biblique*, not to speak of his admirable book on *Canaan after Recent Excavation*, make him an excellent encyclopaedic and trustworthy authority. We hope to give some account of the first fascicule in the next issue. It may be added that the work is published by the Libraire Lecoffre (Paris: Rue Bonaparte, 90) with the co-operation of the French Academy of Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres. The latter fact is in itself a fine recommendation of the worth of the volumes.

Mr. Jos. Offord draws our attention to an article by M. G. Daressy on the "Route of the Exodus" (*Bul. de l'Inst. Égypt.*, 1911). He deals with a demotic source of the commencement of the Ptolemaic period containing geographical names, among them some of special interest to the Biblical student. Here are, among others, Pithom, Migdol, and three names compounded with Migdol—one

being M. bāl-zephon (No. 22). M. Daressy argues that Succoth cannot be placed at Tell el-Maskhuta, but rather in the land of Gesem, not far from Saft el-Henneh, near the entrance of the Wādy Tumilat.

The Rev. Hanauer writes to correct two misprints in his article which appeared in the last issue of the *Q.S.* On p. 208 the date at the beginning of line 20 should be read A.D. 431 and not A.D. 341, and the name on the third line from the bottom on the same page should be Le Quien. In reference to a misunderstanding and misapprehension of his views touching the Church of the Anastasis (p. 200), see further below, p. 49.

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 1911, 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 the late 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 :—

Society of Biblical Archaeology, Vol. XXXIV, Part 6: The Solution of the Hittite Problem, by Prof. Sayce; etc.

Studies: an Irish Quarterly Review of Letters, Philosophy and Science, Vol. I, Nos. 2 and 3: Classical Archaeology; its place in the round of knowledge, by D. J. Finn; reviews of some recent books on Panbabylonism, Assyria, etc.

Annual of the British School at Athens, No. XVII, 1910-11.

The Jerusalem Catalogue of Palestine Plants, 3rd ed. 1912 (Printed by the Syrian Orphanage Press, Jerusalem).

Exploring in New Testament Fields, by Ada A. Habershon.

American Journal of Archaeology, July-September, 1912.

Records of the Past, Parts IV and V, 1912.

American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal, 1912, No. 3.

Zeitschrift des deutschen Palästina-Vereins, Vol. XXXV, heft 3 and 4 ;
Short Sketch of the Geology of Palestine, by Prof. Dr. Blanckenhorn ; Excavations at Nazareth, by Pastor Dr. J. Reil, etc.

Mittheilungen u. Nachrichten of the above, 1912, No. 5 : Topographical Notes on Eshcol, by Prof. Guthe ; The Site of Archelais, by Dr. P. Thomsen ; etc.

Jérusalem: Recherches de Topographie d'Archéologie et d'Histoire, Vol. I, fasc. 1, with Plates I-XIX, by P. Hugues Vincent (Lecoffre, Paris, 1912).

Revue Biblique : July, 1912, Exploration of the Valley of the Jordan (Semakh to Beishan), by Prof. F. M. Abel ; The Recent Excavations at Ophel (with plans and illustrations), by Prof. H. Vincent. October, 1912, The Excavations at Ophel (*concluded*), by Prof. H. Vincent ; The Lysanias Inscription from Abila, by Father Savignac.

Journal Asiatique, 1912.

Sphinx, Revue Critique, Vol. XVI, 4 and 5.

Echos d'Orient, September-October, November-December, 1912.

Atti della R. Accademia dei Lincei, Vol. IX, fasc. 1 and 2.

NEA ΣΙΩΝ, 1912, July-August, etc.

Al-Mashrik: Revue Catholique Orientale Mensuelle : Syria from 1782-1841, by P. L. Malouf ; Pre-Islamic Christian Arab Tribes, by P. L. Cheïkho ; etc.

See also pp. 46 *sqq.*

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 further contributions to the Library :—

Cities and Cemeteries of Etruria (2 Vols.), by George Dennis.

The Source of the Nile, by Capt. J. H. Speke.

Sinaitic Inscriptions, by Samuel Sharpe.

The Modern Judea, by the Rev. J. A. Wylie.

The Nile, by E. A. Wallis Budge.

Travels in Egypt, by J. Barthélemy Saint-Hilaire.

The Suez Canal, by Ferdinand De Lesseps.

- Ancient Egypt and Assyria*, by G. Maspéro.
Asia-Minor, by Charles Fellows.
Jerusalem Explored (2 Vols.), by Ermete Pierotti.
Sinai in Spring, or the Best Desert in the World, by J. M. Rendall.
Palestine Depicted and Described, by G. E. Franklin.
The Romance of the Holy Land, by Charles Leach, D.D., M.P.
A Diary in the East, by W. H. Russell, LL.D.

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.

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.*
