

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE forty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund was held on 16th June, the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres in the chair. Dr. Gurney Masterman gave an excellent address on the recent work of the Society; his lecture was illustrated with lantern slides, and greatly appreciated. Captain Newcombe followed with an account of his survey in the south of Palestine; he gave a number of typical views, and brought out the interest of the investigations for Bible scenes and characters. The Chairman drew attention to the many valuable pieces of work for which the Fund has been responsible, and reminded the audience of the necessity of greater support in the future in order that the investigations may be carried out over a larger field. A full account of the Meeting is given in this issue.

In Memoriam

**WILLIAM ALDIS WRIGHT, LL.D., D.C.L.,
Litt.D.**

(Born 1st August, 1831—Died 19th May, 1914.)

The Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund deeply regret to record the death of a most valued member of the Executive. Dr. William Aldis Wright was well-known everywhere as Secretary

of the Old Testament Revision Committee, as author and editor of Shakesperian and other works, and as a Biblical scholar of high rank. He was always greatly interested in the Fund, and his very wide experience made him a most helpful colleague. "Aldis Wright," to give him his familiar title, has been described as one of the three courtliest men in England, he was also one of the kindest; and many can bear witness to his unobtrusive forethought and generosity. It is a sad coincidence that the three—Driver, Ginsburg, and Aldis Wright—have passed away within a short time of one another (see *Q.S.*, p. 49). All were great Biblical scholars and were associated in the revision of the Old Testament, and the two latter—who were born in the same year—were closely joined together in many ways.

The Palestine Exploration Fund regrets to announce it has suffered yet another loss in the recent sudden death of Sir John Gray Hill, on Friday, 19th June. He was a member of the General Committee. He was a great traveller, and spent much of his time in Palestine; indeed, some years ago he was captured by Arabs and wrote a book on his experiences "Among the Beduins." In the July number of the *Q.S.*, of 1900, he first drew attention to the rise of the level of the Dead Sea, and the January issue of this year contained a valuable summary, from his pen, on the subject. He was born in 1839, and was a nephew of the Postal Reformer, Mr. Rowland Hill.

The Committee are bringing out a new edition of the ($\frac{3}{8}$ in. to the mile) Map of Western Palestine, of which the original edition has been for some time out of print. It is in six sheets, and will be, primarily, a travellers' map. The roads and railways constructed since the original survey have been added. For the sake of clearness, only the modern names are given. The hill shading is in a lighter tint for the same reason. All the country beyond that actually surveyed is shown in outline only. In a few years it may be possible to add much of this in a further edition. In the meantime, this is the clearest map and the easiest to consult of any yet issued by the Society. The price of the complete six sheets will be 12s. 6d., or separate sheets may be purchased at 2s. 6d. each. If desired, the map can be mounted on linen and a roller, or to fold. It will be ready for issue during this summer.

Prof. Camden M. Cobern, who has been travelling in Palestine, gives an interesting illustrated account, in the *Homiletic Review* (February), of the "Most Recent Excavations in Palestine." He observes that even the last half-dozen years—not to speak of the earlier work—"have made possible such new insight into the life of Palestine during the Monarchy, and even earlier, that the time seems almost ripe for an archaeological commentary on the historic narratives of Scripture. Yet nothing has been discovered comparable to what might have been realized if the societies at work there had been adequately supported Why men with money to invest for the furtherance of scientific knowledge do not make it possible for excavations in the Holy Land to be conducted in a thorough and exhaustive fashion is an unfathomable mystery. No soil in the world, not even that of Egypt, offers a treasure-trove more valuable from the Biblical point of view than that to be found here. No possible discoveries concerning early Cretan or Babylonian or Ethiopian history, no excavation elsewhere of artistic creations or written records, could equal such discoveries when made in the birth-land of Judaism and Christianity—pre-eminently the land of the Bible."

Excavations have been in progress at Shechem under Dr. Sellin, but no report as yet has come under our notice. It is understood that the old city-wall has been discovered.

The London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews are to publish Archdeacon Dowling's illustrated book entitled *The City of Safed: A Refuge of Judaism*. The book has an introduction by the Bishop in Jerusalem and will be 1s. net. We regret to hear that the Archdeacon has felt obliged, owing to ill-health, to leave Palestine. Dr. Donald A. Coles, English Hospital, Haifa, has kindly consented to act in his stead as Honorary Secretary for Haifa. The Archdeacon proposes to enlarge and publish in more permanent form his articles on "The Episcopal Succession in Jerusalem," which appeared in the *Q.S.* of October, 1913, and January, 1914. He is anxious to make his *Notitia* more correct and complete, and for this will be glad to receive any suggestions. His temporary postal address is c/o Henry Rougier, Esq., 49, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.

The Library of the Palestine Exploration Fund contains about 200 duplicate volumes, including standard works by Robinson, Ritter, Stanley and others. They may be had separately, and a list, with the price of each volume, has been prepared, and can be obtained on application.

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 maps (large and small) of Jerusalem have been prepared and can now be had on application. The horizontal scale of the large map is $\frac{1}{25000}$ and the total dimensions are 5 feet by 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. The scale of the smaller map is $\frac{1}{10000}$ and the size 20 inches square. Price without addition of early walls and streets £1 5s.

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 1913 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 on sale, 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 :—

Scenic Studies of the Bible Background, from the Authoress, Miss S. M. Nicholls.

Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, Vol. XXXVI, Parts 2-4: The Amorite Personal Names in Gen. xiv, by the Rev. W. T. Piltner; etc.

Annals of Archaeology and Anthropology, VI, 4.

The Irish Theological Quarterly, April, 1914.

Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review of Letters, Philosophy and Science, Vol. III, No. 9.

The American Journal of Archaeology, Vol. XVIII, 1 (1914).

The Jewish Quarterly Review, April, 1914: An Egyptian Document for the History of Palestine, by Prof. W. Max Müller.

The Homiletic Review, 1914: Most Recent Excavations in Palestine (Feb.), Kadesh-Barnea (April and May), by Prof. C. M. Cobern.

The Biblical World, May, 1914: An Appreciation of the late Prof. Driver, by Prof. Francis Brown.

Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins, XXXVII, 1 and 2, 1914 : Record of a Journey in Palestine, by Dr. T. Kührtreiber ; Work in E. Jordan, by Dr. Schumacher ; Studies by Prof. Dalman ; Reports by Dr. Thiersch and Dr. Thomsen ; etc., etc.

Tiryns, Excavations at, by the Royal German Archaeological Institute of Athens, Vols. I and II (Athens, 1912) : A complete account (in German) of the excavations of the German Institute, comprising the temple of Hera, the necropolis of the "geometrical" period, and the remarkable frescoes of the palace.

Mitteilungen des Kaiserlich Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts : Athenische abteilung, Vols. XXXVI-XXXVIII.

Protokol des XI. Zionisten-Kongresses.

Bethléem—Le Sanctuaire de la Nativité, by Fathers Vincent and Abel, of the École Biblique, Jerusalem. (Lecoffre, Paris, 1914.)

Journal Asiatique, 1913, I-III.

Sphinx, 1914, I and II.

Revue Biblique, April, 1914 : The House of Caiaphas and the Church of St. Peter at Jerusalem, by R. P. Germer-Durand ; Palestinian Nocturnal Birds of Prey, by E. Schmitz ; The Date of the Introduction of Incense into the Cult of Yahweh, by M. van Hoonacker.

Byzantina Chronika, XX, 4 (1913).

NEA ΣΙΩΝ. March-April.

Al-Mashriq : Revue Catholique Orientale Mensuelle ; Arabic Poetry among the Trans-Jordanic Tribes, by l'Abbé Paul Salman ; etc., etc.

See also below, pp. 147-155.

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 acknowledge with thanks the following valuable contributions to the Library :—

From the late Dr. W. Aldis Wright :—

Domestic Life in Palestine, by E. M. Rogers.

From Mrs. Ross Scott :—

Sketches in the East, by Lady Louisa Tenison.

The Committee will be grateful to any subscribers who may be disposed to present to the Library any of the following books :—

Duc de Luynes, *Voyage à la Mer Morte* (1864) ; published about 1874.

K. von Raumer, *Der Zug der Israeliten*. (Leipzig, 1837.)

L. de Laborde, *Voyage de l'Arabie Pétrée* (1829).

Prof. E. Huntington, *Palestine and its Transformation*. (Constable and Co.)

Père Abel, *Une Croisière autour de la Mer Morte* (1909).

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.

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