

THE  
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

*The P.E.F. and the War.*—Subscribers will hardly need to be reminded that the great change of circumstances which has taken place since the issue of the last *Quarterly Statement* has had an inevitable effect upon the work of the Fund. We were in friendly correspondence with persons of like interests with ourselves in many parts of Europe, and comparing results with other Societies engaged in the investigation of Palestine. Now all Europe is torn by war, and correspondence or comparison of opinions is no longer possible. In Palestine itself the most we can hope for is neutrality until the war is ended. As far as we can now judge, no serious work of excavation can as yet be attempted. Fortunately our Survey to the South of Palestine was completed before the outbreak of war; but the present pressure on the War Office is likely to delay the completion of the Map on which the experts were engaged, since the R.E. officers who made the Survey will now have more urgent duties. We must hope that, whenever peace is restored, the interest in Palestine which is common to ourselves and our foreign correspondents may be sufficient to bring about the renewal of communications on the same basis of friendly courtesy as previously existed.

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*The Publication of Results of Excavation.*—Although new work of excavation is thus suspended, this Society may feel that such suspension is not without some advantage. It has much to do in the publication of the results of work already done, and in clearing off the debt accumulated on that work which has for some little time been a source of anxiety to the Committee. It is opportune

to remind the members of the Society that it is the *publication of results* which makes the explorations themselves valuable to the world. Moreover, it may not be useless to point out that some of the most valuable results are derived from the publication of details which appear to the casual reader dry and uninteresting. Of such are the careful records during recent years of the finds of pottery, which have been the means of checking many errors, and of building up something like a history of Early Palestine, and of tracing its communications with other countries.

The soil of Palestine, an arable and pastoral country with considerable rainfall, is not such as to preserve for many centuries (as in Egypt) all the evidences of the daily life in a past civilization. Nor does Palestine teem with examples of the architecture, sculpture, or inscribed monuments of the past as does Egypt. Historical evidence is scanty, and needs more expert analysis. There was singularly little art of any kind in Palestine. But the expert study of such evidence as we have, and a careful comparison of that with the evidences found in adjoining countries, and with the narrative of the Bible, have resulted, *through publication*, in an immense advance in our knowledge of the Holy Land.

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*The Annual.*—The volume of the Annual for 1914 will contain a full description of the Survey of the South Country: The Desert of the Wanderings. Like our previous Surveys, the actual work of mapping this district was conducted by officers of the Royal Engineers. The outbreak of war so soon after their return may very probably cause delay in putting together and drawing to scale the results of their labours; and this makes it impossible, for the time, to fix a date for the publication; for it is essential that the Survey itself should accompany the Report. The archaeologists who joined the expedition are also preparing full reports on such evidence as they found; so that the volume will embody the whole results of the Survey. It would hardly be just to those engaged on this expedition to say nothing of the difficulties and discomforts by which it was attended, although they themselves say little about them. For the most part a peculiarly arid and rocky desert without shade, and yielding no supplies, travelling needed not only endurance in such a country, but no little foresight and tact. It was unknown except to wandering Arabs who alone knew the wells, and are notoriously unfriendly to strangers. Of the few travellers

who have ever attempted it most have journeyed in haste and fear, and their accounts have been hurried and inaccurate.

It should also be mentioned that Messrs. Woolley and Lawrence, the archaeologists, had to join very hurriedly and without such equipment as would have reduced the hardships of such travel.

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We have received the first copy of *Art and Archaeology*, an illustrated magazine published by the Archaeological Institute of America (Concord, N.H., and Washington: July, 1914). The subscription price is two dollars a year. The first number contains articles on Masterpieces of Aboriginal American Art; the School of Classical Studies of the American Academy in Rome; Ancient Babylonian Antiquities; Excavations at Vrokastro, Crete (in 1912); "Archaeological Perplexities," &c. The number is well printed, and the illustrations are excellent.

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The Rev. M. H. Segal writes from Newcastle-on-Tyne, just as we go to press, to say that the identity of the inscription on the weight discussed in the *Q.S.*, p. 99, with the difficult Hebrew word in 1 Sam. xiii, 21, has already been suggested by him in his (Hebrew) commentary on the Books of Samuel. His commentary has been in type since Oct., 1913, but the publication (by Kahana of Kieff) has been unavoidably delayed. His own interpretation of the troublesome passage differs from those hitherto suggested, and will be printed later.

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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 7s. 6d. If desired, the map can be mounted on linen and a roller, or to fold. It will be ready for issue during this year.

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 postal address is 47, Anerley Park, London, S.E.

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The Library of the Palestine Exploration Fund contains many 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.

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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.

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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  $\frac{1}{100000}$  and the size 20 inches square. Price without addition of early walls and streets £1 5s.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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*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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 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.

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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. XXXVI, Part 5 : A Preliminary Account of a Sumerian Legend of the Flood and the Fall of Man, by S. Langdon ; The Amorite Personal Names in Gen. xiv, by the Rev. W. T. Piltner.

*The Biblical World*, June, July, 1914.

*Records of the Past*, March–April, 1914.

*American Journal of Archaeology*, Vol. XVIII, 2 (1914).

*Art and Archaeology*, Vol. I, No. 1, July, 1914, see p. 159.

*The London Quarterly Review*, July, 1914.

*The Irish Theological Quarterly*, July, 1914.

*The Homiletic Review*, July, 1914 : The Idea of God in Babylonia and in Israel, by Prof. Ed. König.

*Échos d'Orient*, May–June, 1914.

NEA ΣΙΩΝ. May–July, 1914 : Ashdod and Anathoth, by John Poeylides.

*Al-Mashrīq : Revue Catholique Orientale Mensuelle*, August, 1914 : The Bedouin Judge among the Trans-Jordanic Tribes, by the Abbé Paul Salaman ; The Maronite Library of Aleppo, by the Abbé Ibr. Harfouche ; etc., etc.

See also below, pp. 201–207.

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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.

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The Committee desire specially to acknowledge with thanks the following valuable contributions to the Library :—

From the Trustees of the British Museum :—

*Catalogue of the Greek Coins of Palestine*, by G. F. Hill, M.A.  
See below, pp. 192–199.

From the Authors :—

*Hittite Burial Customs*, by C. Leonard Woolley ; reprinted from  
*The Annals of Archaeology and Anthropology*, Vol. VI, No. 3.

*Palestine and the Jews*, by Frank G. Jannaway.

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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. Huntingdon, *Palestine and its Transformation*. (Constable and Co.)

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

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

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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.

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#### FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

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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.*

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