

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The next Annual General Meeting being the fiftieth, His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the President of the Society, has kindly consented to take the Chair, and has appointed Tuesday, the 22nd of June, the anniversary of the date on which the Society was founded (22nd June, 1865).

The Meeting will be held in the Lecture-room of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly (by kind permission of the Council), and the Chair will be taken at 3.30 p.m.

Applications for tickets of admission should be made to the Secretary, at 2, Hinde Street, W., as soon as possible after May 15th, the available space being limited.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The New Survey: Double Annual for 1914-15.—The material resulting from the Survey of the Southern Country ("The Desert of the Wanderings") in the early part of 1914 proves to be more voluminous and more complete than could have been anticipated, seeing how short a time was available, owing to climate and other considerations. The whole Survey party must have worked with an energy and industry exceeding that of any previous expedition, notwithstanding the unusual difficulties which beset them from the nature of the country. The notes and descriptions of the various

localities included are full and careful, and Messrs. Woolley and Lawrence are to be congratulated on having made them vivid and interesting, and on having secured so many and characteristic photographic illustrations as well as plans. The few inscriptions collected have been examined and carefully analysed by Mr. Marcus Tod, of Oxford. They are all personal memorials but afford some exact dates.

Altogether the amount of material largely exceeds what should suffice for a double volume of the *Annual*—i.e. for two years. But, on careful consideration, the Committee think that the reasons for publishing the whole together and without undue delay are so strong that they feel compelled to disregard the strictly economical question, so far as subscribers are concerned, and to publish the whole as a double *Annual* for the years 1914–15.

The reasons for this course are:—

1. That the region is one which so greatly interests all Bible students.
2. That it has never previously been surveyed or systematically examined.
3. That it may never again be so thoroughly examined and reported on.
4. That the disturbed condition of all Europe makes it improbable that any work of excavation can be undertaken in the coming year.

The price of the book to the public outside the Society will be 45s.

An account of the *Annual* will be found on pp. 61–63.

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 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.

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 $\frac{1}{100000}$ 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 1914 is given in the Annual Report published with this 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.

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. XXXVII, Part 1: The Inscriptions of Carchemish, by Prof. Sayce; etc. Part 2: Fresh Light on the History of Esarhaddon, by Dr. Johns; etc.

Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review of Letters, Philosophy and Science, December, 1914: Some Aspects and Limitations of Historical Enquiry, by Prof. P. Boylan; etc.

The Irish Theological Quarterly, January, 1915: Pentateuchal Criticism, by Rev. Pope, O.P.; etc.

The London Quarterly Review, January, 1915: The Recently-discovered Zadokite Fragments, by Prof. Lightley; The Future of Judaism, by Prof. Davison; etc.

The Bible School: a Quarterly Magazine for all Bible Students, Vol. I, Part 1, January, 1915. A new quarterly (price 3s.) with which is incorporated the Bible Study League Quarterly; edited by Rev. D. Catt, and published 74, Strand, W.C.

American Journal of Archaeology, October–December, 1914: A Syrian Artist author of the bronze doors of St. Paul's, Rome, by A. L. Frothingham; A Newly-discovered Inscribed Mosaic near Mt. Nebo, by W. H. Robinson, Jr.

American Journal of Philology, Vol. XXXV, 4. No. 140.

Bulletin of the American Geographical Society, Vol. XLVI, No. 11, November, 1914: The Trend of Modern Geography, a symposium; etc.

The Jewish Quarterly Review, January, 1915.

The Homiletic Review, January, February, 1915: Turkey and the "Holy War," by Prof. Richard Gottheil; etc.

The Biblical World, January, February, 1915: Archaeology and the Book of Genesis, by Prof. L. B. Paton; etc.

Art and Archaeology, November, 1914: The German Excavations at Baalbek, by Prof. Paton.

Art and Archaeology, January, 1915.

Journal Asiatique, 1914: Monuments and History of Egypt, between the end of the XIIth dynasty and the Theban restoration (*continued*), by M. R. Weill.

Sphinx: Revue Critique, 1914, Fasc. IV, V.

Revue Biblique, October, 1914: Gezer and Palestinian Archaeology, by the R. P. Vincent; The Jewish Synagogue at Delos, by M. A. Plassart; A New Edition of the Samaritan Pentateuch, by M. Tisserant; The Palestinian Littoral and its Ports, by the R. P. Abel.

See also below, pp. 95 *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 to acknowledge with thanks the following contribution to the Library:—

From Mrs. Ross Scott:—

Constantinople and the Seven Churches of Asia Minor, by the Rev. R. Walsh, LL.D.

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.

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.*
