

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE opening of the New Year finds us still in the midst of war. The active work of exploration in Palestine itself continues, for the present, to remain out of the question; but in at least two directions is there opportunity for pursuing the special investigations to which the P.E.F. is devoted. One is the publication of topical subjects: there are many interesting subjects for discussion in the *Quarterly Statement*, and the Committee trust that in reading or in contributing to these our subscribers will find matter to compensate them for the present inability to carry on new excavations. Subscribers may also be reminded that certain material had to be withdrawn from sale at the opening of the war, in order to prevent useful information from falling into enemy hands. More recently, it has been deemed necessary to make some small reduction in the size of the *Q.S.* Further difficulties have been occasioned, as can readily be understood, by the absence or lack of necessary leisure on the part of writers who would otherwise have been able to assist with contributions, etc. But notwithstanding all the inevitable inconveniences and difficulties, the *Q.S.* has fortunately been able to publish many articles of interest and value, and cordial thanks are due to these writers for their assistance, for helping to maintain the *Q.S.* at a high level, and for the way in which they have lightened editorial responsibilities.

The present *Q.S.* will be found to contain, among other features of interest, the opening instalment of a series of articles by an old and esteemed friend and contributor, Dr. E. W. G. Masterman.

The subject is "Hygiene and Disease in Palestine," and the author's thorough acquaintance with Palestine, together with his professional knowledge, give these articles first-class value. Needless to say, the subject is both of considerable "antiquarian" interest—viz., for its bearing upon many Biblical passages—and also of essential importance for the present day. Dr. Masterman pays special attention to the present conditions, as will be seen from the instalment published in this issue; and the attention of readers is called to the value of these articles, whether for the light they throw upon Biblical statements and references, or for their immediate practical significance. It cannot be too insistently stated that all ideals relating to the future of Palestine, all colonising schemes, and all efforts to develop the land in accordance with idealistic or other plans, depend for their success upon the actual circumstances, and upon the typical conditions that have always prevailed. Dr. Masterman's series of articles will be unique of their kind, and the Committee is indebted to him for his kindness in placing them in their hands for publication in the *Q.S.*

In addition to general and special investigations, there is another direction in which the work of the P.E.F. can be furthered in spite of the war. Since the appearance of the last *Q.S.* there has been a profound change in the military situation in Palestine. The British army no longer stands outside Gaza: a persistent sweeping advance has brought into our occupation a considerable portion of the soil, and many places and districts can be more freely discussed than heretofore. The successful movement culminated in the encircling of Jerusalem on Saturday, Dec. 8, and its surrender to Sir Edmund Allenby on the 9th. The capture had been in some measure delayed in consequence of the great care taken to avoid damage to the sacred places in and around the city. General Allenby, with a few of his staff, the commanders of the French and Italian detachments, and the Military Attachés of France, Italy, and the United States, made a formal entrance on foot on the 11th, and was met at the Jaffa Gate by guards representing England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, India, France and Italy. The event, which coincides with the anniversary of the capture of the Temple by Judas Maccabaeus, caused the greatest joy among the Allies, and has everywhere aroused the keenest interest by reason of possible future developments. Measures were at once taken to safeguard the sacred

buildings. To Mohammedan control was entrusted the Mosque of Omar and the area around it—the tomb of Hebron was also placed under exclusive Moslem control—and the hereditary custodians of the Wakf at the gates of the Holy Sepulchre were requested to take up their accustomed duties “in remembrance of the magnanimous act of the Caliph Omar who protected the Church.” A proclamation in seven languages was read to the populace, announcing the recognition of the supreme religious importance of Jerusalem for three of the great religions of mankind. Thus closes the end of one chapter and a new one begins in the lengthy and tempestuous history of a city, of the vicissitudes of which it is impossible to think without emotion, and whose future one may hope will be more peaceful than its past.

The Press has done its share in its comments upon or descriptions of the famous and of the less familiar sites reached by our armies, and some excellent accounts have been given of the historical, geographical, antiquarian, and other features. Among these may be mentioned the series of notes and articles by “E. W. G. M.” in the *Near East*, and the unsigned papers in *Palestine* (the organ of the British Palestine Committee). Also, in the *Manchester Guardian* (Dec. 15), Dr. Masterman writes on “the next advance from Jerusalem.” If one result of the “push” has been to rekindle interest in Southern Palestine, and in the points of resemblance between ancient and modern campaigns, extending back to over 3,000 years, another result has been the actual discovery of objects, some of considerable intrinsic importance. It is to be feared that the apparent discovery of the tomb of St. George was doomed to disappointment from the first (Oct., *Q.S.*, p. 150), but other discoveries are always likely to be made; and just as Salonika and Gallipoli have had something to contribute to archaeological research and scholarship, so trench-digging or other operations in Palestine may easily bring to light objects which otherwise would escape notice or discovery.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death, on Thursday, October 18, of Prof. Edward Hull, LL.D., F.R.S., a member of the General Committee of the Fund. A short account of the Palestinian and related work of this veteran geologist is given in this issue,

In 1876 the Society published a volume of Photographs of Biblical Sites, by Lieut. H. H. Kitchener, R.E., F.R.G.S., containing twelve photographs taken by Lord Kitchener during the time he was at work on the Survey of Western Palestine, together with a short description of each written by himself. Some of the views taken are no longer obtainable, as new buildings have sprung up everywhere, altering or marring old sites. The descriptions, though so short, are charmingly written, and show what a strong feeling Lord Kitchener had for the Holy Land. He took the keenest interest and pleasure in the preparation of this, his only book, as his letters show, though the actual publication of it was left in Sir Walter Besant's hands, as Lord Kitchener returned to Palestine before it was in proof. There are about forty copies of this book still unsold, and these can be had on application to the office of the Society, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W., at the original price of one guinea, postage extra.

Fifty Years' Work in the Holy Land: A Record and a Summary, 1865-1915.—Under this title the late Colonel Sir C. M. Watson, K.C.M.G., etc., gave an entirely new revision of that *résumé* of the work of the Fund which has been issued from time to time in order to furnish readers, and—especially—new subscribers with a synoptical account of the more important aims and achievements. Such accounts have been published in 1870, 1872, 1886, and 1895, so that twenty years have passed since the last revision—years during which most valuable excavations have been undertaken, notably at Gezer. The year 1915, being the Jubilee of the Palestine Exploration Fund a new edition was especially appropriate, and old subscribers as well as new will find that the book by the late Chairman of the Executive Committee gives an admirable bird's-eye view of the work of the Fund. Although space allows the book to provide only the bare outlines of what has been done, the material is so arranged as to include all information necessary to explain the different expeditions and excavations. A map is also appended containing all the important names and sites. Chapters are written on the reason why the P.E.F. was established; the foundation of the Society in 1865; the preliminary reconnaissance of Palestine, 1865-6; the explorations at Jerusalem, 1867-70; the expedition to the Desert of the Exodus, 1869-70; the survey of Western

Palestine in 1871-7; the survey of Eastern Palestine in 1881-2; the geological expedition and survey of the Arabah in 1883-4; the excavations at Lachish, Jerusalem, etc. (five chapters), the survey of Southern Palestine in 1913-14; the Palestine Pilgrims' Texts, and a concluding chapter on the administration of the Society. There are two appendices: the chronology of the P.E.F., and the chronology of the publications. The book is published by the Committee of the Fund, and can be had on application to the Assistant Secretary, post free 3s. 6d.

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 two large 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 map will be 7s. 6d. If desired, the map can be mounted on linen to fold.

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.

Recent additions to the Library, by purchase, include:—

Hadrioni Relandi Palaestina ex Monumentis veteribus Illustrata Trajecti Bataavorum, ex bibliotheca Guilielmi Broedelet. MDCCXIV.

Palaestina ex Monumentis veteribus Illustratae; Liber Primus, In quo de Palaestinae Nominibus, Situ, Terminis, Partitione, Aquis, Montibus, et Campio Agitur; Liber Secundus, In quo agitur de Intervallis Locorum Palaestinae. (The two volumes bound in one: maps and illustrations.)

Samuelis Bocharti Geographia Sacra cujus pars prior Phaleg de Dispersione Gentium & terrarum; pars posterior Chanaan de Coloniais & sermone Phoenicien. MDCLXXIV.

The list of books received will be found below, pp. 8-9.

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. 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 Local 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.

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 without further delay, 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 1916 is published in the Annual Report now issued.

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 our former 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.

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 4, 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. XXXIX, Part 6: The Manna of the Israelites, by Rev. W. T. Pilter; etc.

The Expository Times, 1917: The Archaeology of the Book of Genesis (*continued*), by Prof. Sayce.

The Near East, a weekly Review of Politics and Commerce: Special letters from Palestine; special articles on the British advance in Palestine, by E. W. G. M.; etc.

The Tomb of our Lord, and What Happened There, by Rev. C. C. Dobson, M.A. (S.P.C.K.)

Scottish Geographical Journal: Oct., 1917, Review of Dr. J. Ball, *The Geography and Geology of Western Sinai*; Nov., Constantinople and the Straits, by Marion J. Newbigin; Dec., The Place-names of the Empire, by Sir Charles Lucas, K.C.B., etc.

Palestine: The Organ of the British Palestine Committee (weekly): articles on the advance in Palestine, on history and geography, on Jewish colonies, etc.

The Zionist Review: The Organ of the English Zionist Federation (monthly).

The Case of the Anti-Zionists, A Reply, by Leon Simon.

L'Ukraine, 20 Oct.

The American Journal of Philology, XXXVIII, 3.

Art and Archaeology, Oct., 1917.

Journal of the American Oriental Society, XXXVII, 2: Arabs and Turks, by J. F. Scheltema.

Journal of the Society of Oriental Research, I, 2.

The American Journal of Archaeology, XXI, 3: The Serpent with a Human Head, in Art and Mystery Play, by J. K. Bonnell; Ancient Orientation Unveiled, by A. L. Frothingham.

The Hebrew Christian Alliance Quarterly.

The Homiletic Review, Nov., 1917: A War Correspondent in Southern Palestine.

The Biblical World.

The Jewish Quarterly Review, Oct., 1917.

Journal Asiatique, Vol. VII, 2 ; Vol. VIII, 3.

See further below, pp. 40-43.

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 contributions to the Library :—

Presented by Mrs. Ross Scott :—

Egypt as a Winter-Resort, by F. M. Sandwith, F.R.G.S.

Bible Places, by Canon Tristram.

The Nile: Notes for Travellers in Egypt, by E. A. Wallis Budge, M.A. (ninth edition).

Flowers of Palestine, by Augusta A. Temple.

The Coming Men: the Man of Egypt, by Clayton Sedgwick Cooper.

Byways in Palestine, by James Finn, M.R.A.S. (1868.)

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).

Lagarde, *Onomastica Sacra* (1887).

The Antonine Itinerary.—an edition by Parthey and Pindar was published in 1847 at Berlin. An edition in Russian is also extant, but is therefore not available save to the few who know that language.

For list of authorized lecturers and their subjects, kindly 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.
