

THE  
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

The date of the Annual General Meeting this year will be advertized as soon as it is arranged.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

OUR subscribers will be interested to learn that a new survey of the southern half of Palestine has been carried out by the Royal Engineers during the recent campaign, and that a copy of this map, which is to a larger scale than our own original one inch to a mile map, is being supplied to the Committee by the War Office with a courteous acknowledgment of the services rendered to the army by the maps of the Palestine Exploration Fund. For the use of the Expedition this new map was supplemented by a series of photographs taken from a height of about 5,000 feet by the R.A.F., in such a way as to form a complete overhead view of the whole area surveyed, the whole number of negatives amounting to some 7,000, the map being divided by cross lines and numbered as an index to the position of the photographs. It will be readily understood that this altogether forms a most remarkable record of the present

state of the country, and the map itself constitutes a very complete survey of so much of Palestine as it includes, with all recent alterations and additions including roads and railways. Roughly, this may be taken as covering all the land south of a line drawn from Caesarea to a point somewhat north of due east beyond Jordan down to the frontier of Egypt. The Committee feel very sensible of the courtesy of the authorities of the War Department in placing this valuable record in their hands. The glass plate negatives, which form so invaluable a supplement to the map, at present remain in Cairo.

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We are able to publish in this issue an important article by the Rev. P. N. Waggett, M.A., on a recent discovery in the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem, to which we wish to draw special attention. We are also permitted to reprint from the *Times* of February 6 an article on "Reconstruction in Jerusalem."

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According to the *Daily News* of February 4, Mr. Ashbee, civic adviser to the administrative organisation in Jerusalem, stated that it was proposed to fill up the gap which was made in the wall to enable the ex-Kaiser to make his triumphal entry into the city, and also to pull down the "appalling" clock-tower erected in honour of the event. Native industries are to be revived, and funds raised for the preservation of the great Islamic buildings on the Temple area, the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aksah mosque. "The work of the administration is welcomed by the inhabitants, but with the Eastern lack of enthusiasm; they seem, however, thoroughly to appreciate the new water-supply."

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It may be added that the important account by Major Stephen, R.E., in the last issue of the *Quarterly Statement*, of the new water-supply is especially commented on by the *Manchester Guardian* (February 4) in a leading article.

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Our readers will be glad to know that our Assistant Secretary, Mr. George Ovenden, has been released from military service and is

now able to resume his duties. For a few weeks Miss Estelle Blyth, who during his absence has so efficiently acted as his substitute, remains in order to inform him of the transactions and correspondence which have taken place during his absence, after which she will retire from the post which she has filled with conspicuous ability and tact for some three years. The Committee desire to express their very great satisfaction with the zeal and efficiency with which she has carried on the manifold duties, which she undertook at very short notice, and their regret that the temporary nature of her engagement now brings her valuable services to conclusion.

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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.

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*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. Price, 3s. 6d. Postage extra.

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The Committee have brought 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 is 7s. 6d. If desired, the map can be mounted on linen to fold, or on rollers, 15s. Subscribers' price, 12s. 6d. Postage extra.

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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 with a list, the price of each volume, has been prepared, and can be obtained on application.

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

*Eastern Exploration, Past and Present*, by Prof. Flinders Petrie.

*Journey through Arabia Petraea to Mount Sinai and the excavated city of Petra, the Edom of the Prophecies*, from the French of M. Léon de Laborde. (Murray, London. 1836.)

*Hadriani Relandi Palaestina ex Monumentis veteribus Illustrata Trajecti Batavorum, ex libraria Guilielmi Broedelet.* MDCXCIV.

*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 Colonis & sermone Phoenicien.* MDCLXXIV.

*A Primer of Hebrew Antiquities* (1895), by the Rev. O. C. Whitehouse.

*The Bible and Babylon* (1905), by Ed. König.

*The Hittites* (1910), by Prof. A. H. Sayce.

The list of books received will be found below, pp. 55, 56.

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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. 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 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  $\frac{1}{2500}$  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 1918 is published in the Annual Report.

*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.

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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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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.

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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.

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The Committee have to acknowledge with thanks, among other journals and books, the following :—

*A Guide-book to Southern Palestine*: published by the *Palestine News*, 1918.

*The Expository Times*.

*Studies*, Dec., 1918.

*The Irish Theological Quarterly*, Oct., 1918; Jan., 1919.

*Bible Lands*, Jan., 1919.

*Scottish Geographical Magazine*, March, 1919: The Bagdad Railway and its Connections.

*Modern Sons of the Pharaohs*, by S. H. Leeder.

*The Zionist Review*.

*De Arcana Foederis*, by P. Gaudent Orfali, O.F.M. (Paris.)

*The Central Event of Universal History*: A Study of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead, by Jos. Palmer. (Sydney, 1918.)

*A Jewish Palestine: The Jewish Case for a British Trusteeship*, by H. Sacher. (Published by the Zionist organisation.)

*Journal of the American Oriental Society*, Oct., 1918.

*Art and Archaeology*, Dec., 1918.

*The Homiletic Review*, Dec., 1918: The Future of Palestine, by Prof. L. B. Paton; Review of Sir George Adam Smith's booklet "Syria and the Holy Land."

*Revue Biblique*, July–Oct., 1918: Pour la Conservation de Jérusalem; Le Mur de Bethléem; Mont des Oliviers; Ruine de la Grotte de l'Éléona; Tombeau et Mosque, par F. M. Abel, O.P.

*Journal Asiatique*, May–June, 1918.

See further, pp. 87 *sqq.*

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

From Colonel Pirie-Gordon, Military Editor, Palestine:—

*A Guide-book to Southern Palestine, Judea, Philistia, and the Dead Sea: with Historical Introduction and six maps.* (Published by the *Palestine News*, 1918.)

From the author, Sir William Willcocks, K.C.M.G.:—

*From the Garden of Eden to the Crossing of the Jordan.* (Published by the French Institute of Oriental Archaeology, Cairo, 1918.)

From Mr. Joseph Palmer, New South Wales —

*The Central Event of Universal History*, by Joseph Palmer, 1918.

From the author, A. Hiorth, Christiania:—

*Concerning the Colonization of Palestine.*

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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:—

Sir J. G. Frazer, *Folk-lore in the Old Testament: Studies in Comparative Religion, Legend, and Law.* (Macmillan, 1918.)

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

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

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.

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For list of authorised lectures 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.

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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.*

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