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PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

A FURTHER preliminary account of the excavation at Askalon is given in the present issue, pp. 162-172, fuller details being reserved until the Fund is in a position to give a more complete account of the work.

The Executive Committee desires to make it known that, in accepting a paid advertisement of Mr. Sulley's book on "The Temple of Ezekiel's Prophecy" for insertion in the last issue of the *Quarterly Statement*, they do not consider themselves to have assumed any responsibility for the book itself or to have implied any endorsement of its contents. The leaflet inserted in the same issue had not previously been brought to the cognisance of the Committee, and the offer, therein stated, of copies at reduced price to members of the Palestine Exploration Fund was made on the sole motion of the advertiser.

The American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, founded in 1900, has been incorporated in the District of Columbia under the title of the American Schools of Oriental Research. The charter proposes that the institution may extend its archæological work to other lands than Palestine, especially to Mesopotamia, where it is hoped that a School may soon be established in addition to that in Jerusalem. The trustees of the new corporation are: Prof. James A. Montgomery (University of Pennsylvania), President; Prof. James C. Egbert (Columbia University and President of the Archaeological Institute), Vice-President; Prof. George A. Barton

(Bryn Mawr College), Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. Wilfred H. Schoff (Commercial Museum, Philadelphia), Associate Secretary; Prof. Cyrus Adler (Dropsie College), Prof. Benj. W. Bacon (Yale), Prof. Howard Crosby Butler (Princeton), Prof. Albert T. Clay (Yale), Prof. A. V. Williams Jackson (Columbia), Prof. Morris Jastrow (University of Pennsylvania, deceased June 22nd), Prof. Warren J. Moulton (Bangor Theological Seminary), Mr. Edward T. Newell (American Numismatic Society), Rev. D. J. B. Nies (President of the American Oriental Society), Prof. James H. Ropes (Harvard), Prof. Charles C. Torrey (Yale). Dr. W. F. Albright, of Johns Hopkins University, is the Director of the School in Jerusalem, and Prof. Wm. J. Hinke, of Auburn Theological Seminary, will go out this summer as Annual Professor. Plans for excavation in Palestine and Mesopotamia are in progress.

In the Bulletin of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, No. 3, April, the Acting Director, Dr. Albright, states: "I am on the track now of extremely interesting and important folkloristic and sociological work. The Gipsies of Palestine are much more closely akin to their Hindu brethren than the European Gipsies, and their folklore is intensely interesting, while their name and language (Tutt) is identical with the Tutt of Persia, mentioned by Tabari, and the Tat of modern India, which does not appear to have been noticed hitherto." A School of Mesopotamian Archaeology is also in prospect, a library and students' workshop is to be established; probably at Bagdad, and an Assyriologist will serve in Jerusalem as Director of the School, and every winter conduct suitable students to Mesopotamia.

From an article in *The Palestine Weekly* (reprinted in *Palestine*) we take the following statements concerning the new Antiquities Ordinance:—"Archaeology has become a science and cannot safely be entrusted in the hands of the amateur however keen and however well-intentioned he may be. The root difference of past and present in this matter lies in this. In the past, archaeological research was carried on for the sake of objects—inscriptions, ornaments and what not—turned up by the spade. The value and success of an excavation was measured by the intrinsic or sentimental value of the matter discovered; the objects were an end in

themselves ; always the ultimate purpose was the enrichment of a private or public collection of antiquities”

“The essence of archaeology now, is not the object found, but the precise spot, and the precise level, the precise condition, and the precise surroundings in which it is found. The object, however interesting and rare in itself, is either entirely worthless or next to worthless, if its provenance is unknown or doubtful. You can buy Canaanitish, Hebrew, Jewish and Hellenic earthenware at a few piastres the rotl. And in its plucked condition it is not worth more. But the discovery of such articles *in situ* is of incalculable value in the eyes of the expert, may add chapters to our knowledge of ancient history, and, to the present-day excavator, outweighs months of discomfort and bouts of malaria, and justifies the outlay of hundreds of pounds of his scanty and hardly-gotten funds.”

“Unlicensed sale of antiquities means unsupervised digging for them, and encourages the amateur, the dealer and the innocent fellah to tamper with historic tells and do untold mischief, all with the object of finding a coin or a piece of sculpture which, with its provenance and circumstances unknown is of interest to none but the most unsophisticated of collectors. Whether it is possible to check this altogether may be doubtful, but the Department of Antiquities is making an heroic effort to familiarise the mukhtars and sheikhs of the country with the terms of the Act and the real value of historic sites, and wherein lies the importance of an antique”

“Every permit to excavate carries with it the following conditions :—

- (1) “The excavator shall furnish to the Department as soon as possible after discovery, a detailed list of all antiquities found.
- (2) “That all objects discovered in the course of the excavation are open to the inspection of the Department.
- (3) “That the excavations shall at all times be open to the inspection of the officers of the Department.
- (4) “That any person or persons specially authorised by the Director of Antiquities may at such hours as may be arranged enter upon and view the excavations.
- (5) “That the excavator shall within four months of the conclusion of the season’s digging supply in a form suitable

for publication either by the Department or in one of the recognised archaeological periodicals a summary report of the main results of his work.

- (6) "That the society, institution or individual to whom the permit is granted shall produce within a period of two years an adequate scientific publication of the results of excavation.

"The Director of Antiquities shall after the close of the excavations choose such objects from among those found as are in his opinion needed for the scientific completeness of the Palestine Museum. He shall then make a fair division of all the other objects between the Museum and the person to whom the permit to excavate was granted, aiming as far as possible at giving such person a representative share of the whole result of the excavation.

"Until the division is made all antiquities found shall be deemed the property of the Government."

Subscribers will recollect that the map of the Negeb or Wilderness of Zin, which should have accompanied the 1914-15 Annual, had then to be withheld from publication owing to the War. The Committee are glad to announce that the map has now been prepared for the Fund by the War Office, and a copy will be supplied gratis to those Members desirous of procuring it to complete their record of the 1914 Survey. Applications should be addressed to the Assistant Secretary.

Photo-relief map of Palestine: This popular little map, which is reproduced by collotype process from the well-known raised maps, has been reprinted and is now on sale. It measures (with margin) 29 x 19 inches and contains some hundreds of Biblical names. The price to subscribers is 2s. 6d., and to non-subscribers 3s.; postage 6d. extra.

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 list of books received will be found below, pp. 159-160.

The Committee will be glad to communicate with ladies and gentlemen willing to help the Fund as Honorary Local Secretaries.

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.

Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year will oblige by remitting at once, and thus save the cost of postal reminders.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the following special donation towards the Askalon excavations:—

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Sir Stuart Samuel, Bt.	10	0	0

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 1920. was published in the Annual Report, issued with the April number.

The Museum at the office of the Fund, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W. 1, 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 Prof. Elihu Grant, Honorary General Secretary to the Fund, Haverford College, Pa.

The Committee have to acknowledge with thanks the following:—
From H. B. S. Woodhouse, Esq. :—

Vetera Romanorum Itineraria, sive Antonini Augusti Itinerarium Itinerarium Hierosolymitanum, et Hierocli Grammatici Synecdemus
Curante Petro Wesselingio. Amsterdam, 1735.

The Life and Growth of Israel: a brief Old Testament History, by
Prof. Samuel A. B. Mercer, Ph.D., D.D. Milwaukee, Wis.

The Near East, July 14 : Concerning Kurdish Etiquette ; articles on Palestine, Zionism, etc.

Expository Times, August : The Temple-Mount at Jerusalem, by Prof. Sayce, D.Litt.

Bible Lands, July : Jerusalem in 1867, by F. Stooke-Vaughan ; Cairo, by Rev. O. H. Parry ; Dietary and Allied Laws of the Jews, by Dr. E. W. G. Masterman.

The Irish Theological Quarterly.
Palestine.

The Zionist Review.

American Journal of Archaeology, 1921, April-June : Two Vases from Sardis, by G. H. Chase.

American Journal of Philology, XLII, 2 : Abraham's Bosom, by Prof. Paul Hampt.

Journal of the American Oriental Society, June : The Hittite Language, by Prof. M. Bloomfield ; Non-Indo-European Elements in Hittite, by Prof. J. D. Prince.

Jewish Quarterly Review, July : The Book of Esther—the light of history, by Dr. J. Hoschander.

Homiletic Review, July : A Remarkable Find in an Egyptian Tomb, by G. W. Gilmore.

Art and Archaeology, May : The Arts of Zechoslovakia, by A. Hrdlička.

Hebrew Christian Alliance Quarterly, July. Echoes from Palestine by A. L. Dushaw.

Journal Asiatique, Avril-Juin.

Revue Biblique, April : Palestine in the Ptolemaic Papyri of Cerza, by R. P. L. H. Vincent ; Epigraphical Notes, by F.-M. Abel, C.P. ; Detailed Review of Works on Jerusalem, the Holy Sepulchre, &c., by L. H. Vincent.

Die Welt des Islams : Zeitschrift der Deutschen Gessellschaft für Islamkunde : Berlin.

Eine punisch-atberberische Bilingual aus einem Tempel des Massinissa ; die Lydisch-Aramäische Inschrift von Sardes ; ein Aramäischer Brief aus der Zeit Ashurbanipal ; die Herkunft der Manichäischen Schrift, and other reprints, by Prof. Dr. Mark Lidzbarski.

Al-Mashrik, July : La Question du Pétrole, by P. Raphael Nakhlé, S.J. ; La Récente Exposition de Beyrouth, by P. L. Cheikho, S.J.

Al-Mashrik, September.

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

The Memoirs of the Survey of Western Palestine.

The Quarterly Statement, from 1869 up to date.

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).

Prof. Flinders Petrie's *Tell el-Hesi* (*Lachish*).

New Edition of the Babylonian Talmud, English Translation. Original text edited, formulated and punctuated by Michael L. Rodkinson. Revised and corrected by the Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise. Published by the New Amsterdam Book Company, New York. Vol. I, *Sabbath*, already in the Library, subsequent volumes wanted.

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.*