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PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund was held on Tuesday, May 30th, in rooms kindly lent by the Royal Society, Sir Herbert Samuel, G.B.E., H.M. High Commissioner for Palestine, in the Chair. There was a good attendance, and much interest was evinced in the speeches and in the reports of the Fund's work. A full account of the Meeting is given in this issue.

It is with great regret that the Committee record the resignation of the Chairman, owing to the numerous calls upon his time in Oxford. What Dr. Hogarth has been and has done for the Fund is familiar to our readers, and they will be glad to know that his step does not mean any diminution in his living interest in the work of the Fund.

Dr. Hogarth's place has been filled by Dr. H. R. Hall, of the Department of Egyptian and Assyrian Antiquities in the British Museum. He is well known as an archaeologist and an Egyptologist, with a first-hand acquaintance with Egypt and the Near East. His *Ancient History of the Near East* has shown that he has a very real interest in Palestine, and the Committee are fortunate in being able to find so suitable a successor. Dr. Hall was unable to be present at the Annual Meeting, but sent a letter, portions of which were read, and which is printed in full as an Appendix to the Report. It is an important statement of the work of Palestinian research to which we wish to draw the attention of our readers.

A very important proposal for the future constitution of the Fund was made by Dr. Masterman. The Honorary Secretary pointed out the necessity of re-establishing the General Committee on a firmer foundation, and proposed that all subscribers who have already paid not less than five guineas by donations or annual subscriptions should be members of the General Committee, and enjoy all the privileges of membership of the Fund as long as they continued annual subscribers of not less than one guinea. This would have among other effects that the lady members would also find a welcome place in the list of the General Committee. *See below, p. 103.*

Owing to the many demands upon our space in this issue, we are obliged to hold over various articles, reviews and notices. We must, however, call attention to a work presented to the Fund by Mr. Aug. F. Ammann, of Renens, Waadt, namely, a new edition, a reproduction in fact, of the "Reise ins Gelobte Land" of Hans Jakob Ammann in 1612-13. This old traveller (known as the Thalwyler Schärerer) wrote an enlivening and curiously illustrated work which is still of considerable interest in many respects, and many of our readers will doubtless be glad to know of it.

Special mention may also be made of two quarto volumes presented by P. Golubovich:—

"Biblioteca Bio-Bibliographica della Terra Santa E Dell Oriente Franceseano. Nuova Serie. Documenti Diretta dal P. Girolamo Golubovich, O.F.M.—Acta s. Congregationes de Propaganda fide pro Terre Sancta. Parte I (1622-1720) and Parte II (1721-1847) del P. Leonardo Lemmens, O.F.M.

Subscribers to the Palestine Exploration Fund may be interested to hear that the Fund have acquired the remaining copies of *Jerusalem sous Terre*, written by Father Vincent, and published at the Office of the *Field* Newspaper. This work is profusely illustrated by plans and photographs, and giving as it does a full archaeological review of the excavations in the hill "Ophel," conducted by the Hon. Montague B. Parker, is essential to all those who make a scientific study of the Holy City. The Fund is disposing of

these—of which there is only a limited stock—at 5s. per copy, or 6s. post free.

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. 90–91.

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.

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 1921 was published in the Annual Report, recently issued to Subscribers.

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. 1.

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. 1.

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.

Please note that the Library and Museum will be closed to the public from Friday, August 18th, to Saturday, September 9th, inclusive.

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:—

The Near East: May 18, By Air to Baghdad; June 8, Review by Sir Denison Ross of "The Eclipse of the Abbasid Caliphate," by H. F. Amedroz and Prof. Margoliouth; June 1st, The Economic Resources of Palestine.

The Expository Times, June: 30 Years' Progress in Assyriology, by C. J. Gadd.

The Irish Theological Quarterly, April: Origins of Orphism, by Michael Tierney.

The Zionist Review.

Palestine.

University of Pennsylvania. Publication of the Babylonian Section: Vol. XIII., Historical Fragments, by Leon Legrain.

American Journal of Philology, XLIII, I, Note on the name Tyana, by Prof. W. F. Albright.

Jewish Quarterly Review.

Art and Archaeology, March: American Indian Artists; April: Ceylon; May: Excavations in Greece in 1921.

Revue Biblique, April: Une Villa Gréco-Romaine à Beit Djebrin, by R. P. Vincent.

Biblica, Vol. III, Part II.

The Homiletic Review.

Hebrew Christian Alliance Quarterly.

Hans Jakob Ammann genannt der Thalwyler Schürer und seine Reise ins Gelobte Land, 4th edition, 1921, by A. F. Ammann, Zurich, 1922. See also above, p. 88.

Orientalistische Literaturzeitung: Monatsschrift für die Wissenschaft vom ganzen Orient.

The Palestine Weekly.

Bible Lands.

Al-Mashrik.

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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.

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.*
