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NOTES AND NEWS.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the latter part of June, at a date and place which will be announced later.

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We much regret that up to the moment of going to press we are unable to make any definite statement regarding the commencement of the excavation of "The City of David" on Mount Ophel, Jerusalem. We had hoped to be able to announce plans for commencing work next May, but there are financial difficulties which at this moment seem insurmountable. The Government of Palestine are unwilling to give any permit for excavation until a sum of *at least* £5,000 is guaranteed, and up to the present nothing like this sum is forthcoming. If there is much delay, the coming season with very special opportunities, which cannot recur, will be lost. Great as will be the disappointment to many, this will in no sense mean the abandonment of the proposal, and we shall lay all our plans for starting work in 1924. The Palestine Exploration Fund Committee have definitely committed themselves to this proposal, and we again appeal for support to all those who realise the greatness of the present opportunity in relation both to Biblical History and to general archaeology. It may be added that the promised guarantee need not be for one year, but may be spread over two or three years.

We publish in this issue the report on the stratification of Askalon by Mr. Phythian-Adams. It contains a careful and detailed survey of all the facts with accompanying plans and illustrations. It has not been possible to print all the illustrations which were sent, and those which are held over are preserved at the office of the Fund, and can be seen there. In the nature of the case the report is to a certain extent technical, being based upon pottery and other objects, and the attention of readers may therefore be drawn to the summary of the results on p. 77. Some valuable and enduring conclusions have been reached, and these will undoubtedly be of extreme interest for all excavations henceforth. It has repeatedly happened in the past, that excavations, though seemingly without any sensational results, have made valuable contributions to our general knowledge of ancient archaeology, and the same can be said of the work at Askalon. We are gradually building up a broader picture of ancient life and thought, and the problem of the Philistines and of their influence upon the land of Palestine is now advanced a stage further.

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We regret to have to report the death of Prof. Harvey Porter, of the General Committee, who died on January 12th at his home in Beirut, in his seventy-ninth year.

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Mr. Raffaeli writes to contest Mr. Pilcher's note, "The Supposed 'Hittite Deity'" (*Q.S.*, p. 50). He remarks that Prof. Garstang holds that the design represents the Hittite mother-goddess and son, and adds that Prof. Sayce, discussing the Cappadocian tablets (Petrograd Collection), recognised a Hittite goddess Khati. Mr. Raffaeli maintains that the engraver of the object, being probably a Semitic worshipper in Syria, inscribed on it the name of the deity in Aramaic letters. A third and neutral opinion on the contested point would be desirable.

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A new chronological classification of Palestinian archaeology has been drawn up by the representatives of the three archaeological Schools in Jerusalem.

- I. Stone Age—
  - i. Palaeolithic.
  - ii. Neolithic.

## II. Bronze Age—

- i. Early Canaanite to 2000 B.C.
- ii. Middle Canaanite, 2000–1600 B.C.
- iii. Late Canaanite, 1600–1200 B.C.

## III. Iron Age—

- i. Early Palestinian, 1200–600 B.C. { (a) Philistine.  
(b) Israelite.
- ii. Middle Palestinian, 600–100 B.C. { (a) Jewish.  
(b) Hellenistic.
- iii. Late Palestinian, 100 B.C.–636 A.D. { (a) Roman.  
(b) Byzantine.

## IV. Modern—

- i. Early Arab, 636–1100 A.D.
- ii. Middle Arab, 1100–1500 A.D.
- iii. Late Arab 1500–

It is signed John Garstang, Louis Vincent, W. F. Albright and W. J. Phythian-Adams; and it is pointed out that, in practice, use will be made of the terms Hellenistic, 330–100 B.C., Roman, 100 B.C.–350 A.D., and Byzantine, 350–636 A.D.

The difficulty of finding a completely satisfactory scheme in the present stage of our knowledge of early Palestinian history is obvious; but the above table has the weighty support of the authorities on the spot, and is commended to the attention of our readers.

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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.

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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. 6*d.*, and to non-subscribers 3s.; postage 6*d.* 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. 57-58.

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.

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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.

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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 Prof. Elihu Grant, Honorary General Secretary to the Fund, Haverford College, Pa.

The Committee beg to acknowledge with thanks the following :—  
From Dr. H. R. Hall (British Museum) : A Guide to the Babylonian and Assyrian Antiquities, 3rd ed., revised and enlarged.

The Committee have also to acknowledge with thanks the following :—

*The Near East* : A weekly review of the politics and commerce of Egypt, India, Syria, etc. ; letters from Palestine, etc.

*The Annual of the British School at Athens*, No. XXIV, with supplement No. I. Sessions 1919-20, 1920-21. Excavations in Mycenae, by A. J. B. Wace and W. Lamb ; Laconia, by J. J. E. Hondius A. M. Woodward and A. M. Hondius Van Haeften ; Macedonia, by S. Casson, etc., etc.

*The Prophets of Israel, in History and Criticism* : By Harold M. Wiener, LL.B.

*The Irish Theological Quarterly*, Oct., 1922.

*The Witness of Archaeology to the Bible* (a paper read at the Victoria Institute) : By Miss A. M. Hodgkin.

*The Expository Times*.

*Bible Lands*.

*Palestine* : The organ of the British Palestine Committee.

*The Zionist Review*.

*Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, Dec., 1922.

*American Journal of Archaeology*, 1922, No. 4. The excavations at Sardes, by T. L. Shear ; Survey of Oriental, Classical, Medieval and American Archaeology.

*The Jewish Quarterly Review.*

*Art and Archaeology.*

*Old Babylonian Contracts* : By E. Chiera, University of Pennsylvania, the University Museum, Babylonian Section, Vol. VIII, No. 2, 1922.

*The Homiletic Review.*

*International Index to Periodicals*, Vol. X, No. 4.

*The Hebrew Christian Alliance Quarterly.*

*Revue Biblique*, Jan. 1923. Three Arab inscriptions from the Haram of Hebron ; Jerusalem : the tomb at Baṭn el-Hawa ; a Roman villa at Jifna ; antiquities at Tul Keram ; Topography of Nablus, by R. P. Abel.

*Jerusalem: Recherches de Topographie, d'Archéologie et d'histoire*, Vol. II. Jérusalem Nouvelle, by Fathers Hugues Vincent and Abel.

*Journal Asiatique*, 1922, Nos. 1, 2.

*Orientalistische Literaturzeitung.*

*Journal of the Palestine Oriental Society*, Vol. II, No. 3: The division of the year in Palestine, by St. H. Stephan ; le culte de Jonas en Palestine, by F.-M. Abel, O.P. ; one Aphek or four ? by Prof. W. F. Albright, etc.

*Studies in Palestine Customs and Folklore* : I. Judicial courts among the Bedouin of Palestine, by Omar Effendi el-Barghuthi ; II. Haunted springs and water demons in Palestine, by T. Canaan, Dr. Med. (Reprinted and enlarged from the "Journal of the Pal. Or. Soc.")

*Palestine Weekly*, March 16 : the town of es-Salt.

**NEA ΣΙΩΝ**, Jan. : Palestine in Arabian philology, by Eugene Michaeldos.

*Al-Mashrik*, Jan. 1923. Description de quelques antiquités syriennes, by Fathers Ronzevalle and René Monterde. Feb., Les anciens Ermitages et les Ermites du Mont Liban, by P. Libaus Dagher.

*Le Christianisme et la Littérature Chrétienne en Arabie avant l'Islam*, Part II. By P. L. Cheikho, S.J., 1923.

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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.

Sir George Arthur, *The Life of Lord Kitchener*.

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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