

T H E
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Annual Meeting this year, held at the Rooms of the Society of Antiquaries on June 20th, was very well attended, and has already had a quite unique notice in the public press. Professor Macalister's address upon the prospects of work at the site of the City of David (p. 118) will be read with interest, and Dr. Hall's lecture (p. 124) supplements much that Professor Macalister said by showing that there is a long period of little-known, but most stirring, pre-Israelite history which may be revealed on the forthcoming excavations. The decision made shortly before the Annual Meeting that the new excavation should be called a "Joint Expedition of the Palestine Exploration Fund and the *Daily Telegraph*" has been very well received, and the latter journal the following morning devoted space to a very remarkable leading article, and no less than four other columns of print, to the subject of the "City of David." In these they gave a very full account of our Annual Meeting and also the first of a series of articles by Professor R. A. S. Macalister upon the Site of the City of David. We strongly advise our members to read the series as they appear in the *Daily Telegraph*.

The speech of the Chairman, Dr. D. G. Hogarth, makes it plain that the proprietors of the *Daily Telegraph* leave the Committee of the Fund entirely untrammelled as regards the arrangements for the prosecution of the work. In their issue (June 21st) they say "The entire direction of the excavations will remain in the hands of the Fund, and it has been decided that reports of the progress of the work published in the *Daily Telegraph* shall be at the service of any other newspaper free of cost."

It would be a great misfortune if supporters of the Fund imagined that because we have now the guaranteed minimum of £5,000, they can afford to relax their efforts to get together more

money. The £1,000 guaranteed from the P.E.F.'s general funds practically exhausts every penny of our reserve fund, leaving us nothing for publication of the results, or for any emergency. This fund should not be touched at all if possible. Further, the work cannot possibly be brought to completion, or anything approaching completion, for £5,000. Professor Garstang has put the needed sum at £15,000, but this is, we believe, an under-estimate.

In view of the wide diffusion of the news of this new undertaking we confidently hope that donations and new annual subscriptions will flow in. May we remind any possible new subscribers that a donation of five guineas, followed by an annual subscription of one guinea, qualifies for *Membership*, and that the payment of twenty-five guineas qualifies for *Life Membership*.

In addition to a full account of this, the most important Annual Meeting in the history of the Society, the present number of the *Q.S.* contains an obituary of the late Professor Clermont-Ganneau, one of the oldest friends of the P.E.F., and well-known to our readers for his long series of brilliant notes and contributions. Mr. Phythian-Adams sends an illustrated report of his soundings at Tell Jemneh; his suggestion that this is no other than the biblical Gerar is of extreme interest, and would throw light on some Old Testament difficulties. From Mr. Ovenden, our Assistant Secretary, we receive some account of the valuable work of the Americans at Beth Shean; their discovery of two Egyptian historical inscriptions is of really unusual importance, see pp. 130 *sq.*, 149.

The Office will be closed from Monday, August 6th, for three weeks, re-opening on Monday, August 27th. During that time letters may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Dr. E. W. G. Masterman, Medical Superintendent's House, Camberwell Infirmary, S.E. 5. But letters posted direct to the Office will be fetched weekly.

The attention of subscribers is respectfully called to the following request. Money Orders, especially those for small amounts, should in future be made payable to the P.O., "W.1," the postal district in which the Office of the Fund is situated. Those marked G.P.O. must be taken to the General Post Office, which is a considerable

distance away, and time and money are consumed in cashing them. The co-operation of subscribers in this matter would be very highly appreciated.

The attention of subscribers is also respectfully called to the following excellent suggestion from a Derby subscriber :—

“I regret to learn from your announcement in the *Q.S.* for April that a prospect of an early start on the excavation of the ‘City of David’ is endangered by lack of funds. Following up your suggestion, I am willing to guarantee doubled subscription for the next three years, on condition that you make immediate effort to induce other subscribers to follow suit.”

We read in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, April 16th, a long letter by Mr. Joseph Palmer, in reference to the work of the P.E.F. Attention is drawn to the plans and prospects of the Society for the excavation of Ophel, and the writer well reminds Australian readers of what we have so far been able to achieve. He says :—

“Scarcely any exploratory work has been done in Jerusalem, and comparatively little in the whole of Palestine, except by British people, and it will be a calamity if the honour of the great undertaking, now become for the first time possible, should fall to foreigners.”

After referring to an earlier letter by our Sydney representative, the Rev. W. P. F. Dorph, he adds :—

“This undertaking seems to have a special claim on Australians in view of all that this country has already done for Palestine in rescuing it from Turkish misrule and oppression. Since the war ended there has been no great call on the generosity of Australian people, and a repetition now of a few large subscriptions, as well as many smaller ones, such as those that were given to various war philanthropies a few years ago, would seem specially appropriate for the purpose proposed.”

Mr. Raffaelli sends from Jerusalem wax impressions of a seal with Phoenician letters. It is of soft grey agate, and is supposed to read *c - m* [Mr. Pilcher reads *s*] - *r*, *l - b - th*, *b - g*. Unfortunately it is too imperfect for anything to be made of it with any confidence.

The "Palestine Letter" from Jerusalem (dated May 11th) in *The Near East* (May 31st) contains the following interesting statement on a new Anglo-Jewish colony:—

"Gezer (the Mound of Many Cities) seems destined to receive yet another stratum of civilisation. Last Tuesday an interesting ceremony took place when the High Commissioner 'cut the first sod' of what is hoped to become a new Jewish settlement in Judaea, near the village of Abu Shusheh (why will our local authorities perpetuate the unsatisfactory and misleading French transliteration 'Abou Chuche' in the face of their own transliteration rules?), to the north of Ramleh on the way to Jerusalem, a site identified fifty years ago by the French archaeologist, Clermont-Ganneau, with ancient Gezer. Many other Jewish settlements have, of course, been inaugurated up and down Palestine during the last few years; but the particular interest in this case is that the proposed colony is to be Anglo-Jewish."

A full account of the proceedings is given in *The Palestine Weekly* of May 18th. A station on the main Jerusalem—Jaffa railway was recently opened at Naaneh, within a short distance of the estate, which adds to the importance of the site. Various speakers and writers comment upon the extreme historic significance of Gezer; but, we are bound to add, they do not always recall what the fame and general interest of Gezer owe to the prolonged and exhaustive—and expensive—excavations carried on by the Fund.

The Palestine Weekly (June 1st) comments also upon the still serious problem of the water-supply in Jerusalem, a solution of which, it was hoped, had been found when the water-supply was inaugurated at Solomon's Pools.

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 colotype 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. 108, 109.

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.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the following special donations:—

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F. T. Lewis, Esq.	5	0	0
(Omitted by mistake from April List.)			
Charles Marston, Esq.	1,000	0	0
H. R. Hall, Esq., D.Litt... ..	15	15	0
Rt. Rev. Bishop Ryle, D.D.	10	0	0
Owen S. Tudor, Esq.	5	0	0
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Mrs. John Lamont	1	1	0
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E. F. Evans, Esq.	1	1	0
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Miss A. M. Parker	1	0	0
Melville Gray, Esq.	1	0	0
Anonymous (per Rev. W. P. F. Dorph, Hon. Sec. for New South Wales) ...	1	0	0

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 5, 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 also to acknowledge with thanks the following :—

Journal of Egyptian Archaeology.

The Near East, April 5th : The Palestine Problem. May 24th, &c.,
The Palestine Ideal.

The Unpublished Objects from the Palaikastro Excavations, 1902-1906 ;
by R. C. Bosanquet and R. M. Dawkins. British School at Athens.
Supplementary Paper, No. 1.

Palestine Peasantry. By Mrs. Finn.

Emmaus Identified. By Mrs. Finn.

The Expository Times.

Palestine.

The Zionist Review.

Monthly Summary of Events of Jewish Interest, March.

Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

American Journal of Archaeology, Jan.-Mar., 1923 : The Deities of the
Sacred Axe, by Margaret C. Waites ; Proceedings of the 24th
Meeting of the American Arch. Inst. ; *Archaeological News*,
July-Dec., 1922.

Smithsonian Institution. Report for the year ended June 30th, 1922.

Geographical Review (New York), April.

Art and Archaeology, April : The Magic Art of Egypt, by D. S.
Corlett ; Ancient Costume and Modern Archaeology, by Mary
MacAlister ; Archaeology and Moving Pictures, by B. L.
Ullman, etc.

Christian Herald, Feb. 3rd : The High Places of Modern Palestine,
by Rev. Amos I. Dushaw.

Hebrew Christian Alliance Quarterly, April : Hermann L. Strack, by Prof. Gressmann.

Homiletic Review.

Jewish Quarterly Review.

Capharnaüm et ses Ruines : d'après les fouilles accomplis à Tell Houm, par la Custodie Franciscaine de Terre Sainte (1905-1921).

P. Gaudence Orfali, O.F.M., Docteur en Théologie licencié ès Sciences Bibliques.

Revue Biblique, April : Un hypogée juif à Bethphagé, by R. P. Gaudence Orfali ; une crypte byzantine à Beit Djälá, by R. P. Abel ; l'année archéologique 1922 en Palestine, by R. P. Vincent.

Biblica, Vol. IV, I, March.

Orientalistische Literaturzeitung : Monatschrift für die Wissenschaft vom ganzen Orient.

Bible Lands, April : Tutánkhâmen ; Hasidism, by Canon Danby.

Palestine Weekly, March 30th : At the cross-roads of three continents, by D. W. Wilson ; May 11th : The Palestine Harbour Problem : Haifa or Jaffa ?

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Al-Mashrik. Revue Catholique Orientale Mensuelle, May : Bulletin Archéologique : Syrie et Phénicie, by P. C. Cheikho, S.J., etc.

The Committee have to acknowledge, in response to the appeal below, Prof. Flinders Petrie's *Tell el-Hesi (Lachish)*, from the Author.

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).

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.

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.*
