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NOTES AND NEWS.

By the time this *Quarterly Statement* is in our readers' hands Prof. Macalister's long report, dated December 5th, will have been read in the *Daily Telegraph* (December 24th). It will be seen that Prof. Macalister has had to contend against unusually severe difficulties, and that, although there is nothing sensational to announce, there are solid achievements to record. Prof. Macalister writes : "We claim to have settled finally two questions of topography—the minor question of the position and nature of Millo, and the major, all-important question of the site of the City of David. The very ancient pottery that is being found on the site shows that we have broken into the Jebusite city ; once for all, it was on the eastern hill, and the claim of the western hill to be 'Zion' disappears for ever."

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As it is, the results clearly justify the selection of the site. Enough has been brought to light to encourage further investigation ; and such is the lot of the archaeologist that any happy stroke of the pick may disclose antiquities still more interesting than those mentioned in Prof. Macalister's reports. The main difficulties are local. Prof. Macalister says : "By the time these lines are in print the ruins of Millo will once more repose safely under the covering mantle of earth which has hidden them from the eyes of Bible Students for at least forty generations. . . . Millo can no longer be seen, except in the photographs and drawings that are being made of it ; but it will await in safety the coming of the far, far distant time when civilization will touch even the Palestinian fellah, and will teach him that there are pursuits nobler than money-grubbing." For, as he remarks,

"the land is the property of folk who would tear every stone from its bed for the sake of the few dirty pounds which they would get by selling them to builders."

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In the present issue we give another report, to which we invite attention. It describes an earlier phase of the work than the December articles in the *Daily Telegraph*, but though appearing later, the reports in the *Quarterly Statement* are of more permanent value, being written after further study of the results and with the greater knowledge of the site. They aim, too, at a more scientific exhibition of the results.

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The work we have now commenced will continue in the new year. Professor Macalister may have to return to his duties in Dublin, but the Rev. Garrow Duncan, who has in past years had considerable practical experience of excavation work with Sir Flinders Petrie in Egypt, and who has acted as Professor Macalister's assistant since the beginning of the work on "Ophel," will continue the work as Acting Director for the Fund. He will, during the first three months of 1924, have the services of Mr. Ovenden, our Assistant Secretary, in a secretarial capacity, and also, in all probability, the assistance of a well-known young Jewish Archaeologist who is on the spot already.

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It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the work on the "Hill of Ophel" is only in its first phase. As our Hon. Secretary has written in the *Daily Telegraph* of December 27th :—"Far from the work now done being a conclusion, it is but a beginning—and all must admit a successful beginning—of what should be a prolonged and thorough excavation of this unique site. Professor Macalister has had the skill and good fortune to hit off, in his first deep pit, the northern boundary of David's 'Zion' and of the Jebusite City of Jerusalem, which flourished for a thousand years before King David. All the land lying to the south must consequently cover this extremely ancient city and awaits the spade of the explorer. It is difficult to imagine any site in the world which can have a greater claim to the interest of Biblical and historical students. . . . A large area now lies before us for immediate

exploration. In any way adequately to do this will require steady work spread over at the very least five years and financial support far beyond the very moderate resources at present at our disposal."

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We are glad to be able to report that the announcement of the proposed excavations at Ophel brought in several new annual subscribers, but the increase was not so large as had been anticipated, and members of the P.E.F. and all who are interested in the work of recovering the secrets of Ancient Jerusalem are earnestly requested to do what they can in order to enlist more financial support. The fact that other excavations have been proposed by other bodies makes it the more necessary that the P.E.F., the pioneer Society, should not be behindhand.

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Among the features of this issue of the *Q.S.*, special mention must be made of the elaborate account of the splendid building recovered at Askalon by Dr. Garstang. Dr. Garstang gives a faithful and highly interesting account of the remains, and shows how these admit of being reconstructed. What is not a little remarkable is the account by an old traveller, David Roberts, who appears to have seen much more than was visible, at least during recent years—one of many proofs of the destruction of old monuments and buildings which has so impoverished the archaeology of the Holy Land.

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We print in this issue an account of a Greek inscription sent to us by the Rev. J. Garrow Duncan, B.D., F.S.A. (Scot.), who is Assistant Director of the Fund's Excavations at Ophel. Mr. Duncan is Wilson Archaeological Fellow (Aberdeen), and we are glad that his first contribution to the *Q.S.* should be on an inscription from a district where epigraphical remains have always been extremely rare.

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The Rev. Canon Hanauer sends us some notes on recent archaeological finds in Damascus; we hope to be able to print them in the next issue.

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We regret to have to announce the death, on November 15th, of Mr. Samuel Raffaeli, Curator of Coins to the Department of Antiquities at Jerusalem, and Keeper of the Jewish Archaeological

Museum. He was also superintendent of the Hadassah Medical Organization. He is best known for his book on Jewish coins, which appeared in 1913. An "appreciation" of him appears in *The Palestine Weekly* of November 23rd. From time to time he forwarded to the Office or to Mr. Pilcher impressions of seals, or the originals themselves; and he was always most generous in helping to make known the epigraphical antiquities that came under his notice. He will be best remembered for his solution of a notorious difficulty in 1 Sam. xiii, 21, published in these pages in 1914; and it is a noteworthy coincidence that in this very issue we are able to report that his solution, which had already been accepted by the Jewish translators of the new English version of the Old Testament, has also found a place in the new translation of an East African version of the Bible (*see* below, p. 47). But, unless he had been privately informed of this, Mr. Raffaeli has not been spared to hear of what to him would have been so welcome a piece of news.

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An exhibition of water-colours of Jerusalem and Galilee, by Mrs. P. A. F. Stephenson, was held at the Brook Street Galleries, November 22nd—December 5th, part of the proceeds being given to the Fund. *The Near East* writes:—

"She excels in the painting of flowers and of stone-work, but it is, curiously enough, in this country of 'atmosphere,' to the inanimate that she has devoted her best work. Probably her finest things are the representations of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; here she has not only apprehended and blended the richness of the scene, but she has given to the walls depth and an expression almost of speech. In many other pictures, however, there is a quality much above that of mere faithfulness to the original."

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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.

**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. 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. 6-8.

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 towards the excavation of the City of David:—

*Donations to Ophel.*

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Viscount Burnham, C.H. (on behalf of <i>The Daily Telegraph</i> )	... ...	500	0	0
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*Donation to General Funds.*

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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.

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 :—

*Index of Hittite Names: Geographical*, Part I, by L. A. Mayer and J. Garstang.

*The Near East*, Nov. 1st : The desert route to Baghdad ; Dec. 27th, Hebrew in Palestine, by Canon Danby.

*Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, liii, 1923.

*The Expository Times*.

*Work that Wins*. (From the Y.M.C.A., Chicago.)

*A Decade of Woe and Hope*, by the Chief Rabbi (Dr. Hertz).

*American Journal of Archaeology*, 1923, July–Sept.

*Smithsonian Institution* : Annual Report, 1921.

*A New Era in Palestine Exploration*, by Elihu Grant. (From the Smithsonian Report, 1923.)

*Art and Archaeology*.

*Homiletic Review*.

*Geographical Review*, Oct. The geography of pastoral life, by P. Arbos ; post-war atlases, by W. L. G. Joerg.

*Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, No. 11, Oct., 1923.

*Jewish Quarterly Review*.

*Journal of the American Oriental Society*, Vol. 43. No. 1 : Early oriental studies in Europe, by Prof. N. Schmidt. No. 3 : Nard, by W. H. Schoff.

*Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique*, 1923: Jan.–June. "Mycenaeans" necropolis of Skhinokhori—Lyrkeia, by M. L. Renaudin ; an archaic ritual of the cult of the Thasian Heracles, by M. Ch. Picard ; inscriptions and antiquities of occidental Macedonia, by M. G. I. Kazarow ; etc., etc.

*Revue Biblique*, Oct. : The topography of the Maccabaeon campaigns, by P. F.-M. Abel ; the new hypogaeum of Byblus and that of Gezer, by P. L.-H. Vincent ; the old Bethlehem carillon, by P. Paul Cheneau ; etc.

*Orientalistische Literaturzeitung*, Nov. : On the history of Assyria and Asia Minor in the 3rd and 2nd milleniums B.C., by J. Lewy ; ancient oriental weights and measures, by Oskar Leuze ; critical reviews of recent oriental literature, by P. Thomsen (Mouterde's Inscr. grecques et latines de Syrie), Wiedemann (Schäfer's religion and art of el-Amarna), and others.

*Biblica*, Sept. : Wine in the Bible and Talmud, by Dr. J. Döller ; periodical bibliography ; etc.

*Journal of the Palestine Oriental Society.*

**NEA ΣΙΩΝ.**

*Bible Lands*, October : Reprint of Dr. Masterman's article on the proposed excavations in Jerusalem in *The Manchester Guardian*, Aug. 16th. Further notes on the City of David, Zion, the Ophel, and the Millo, by the Editor.

*Palestine.*

*The Palestine Weekly*, Sept. 7th : The Jerusalem water supply. Nov. 9th : The value of tradition in the identification of the Jewish holy places, by Prof. N. Slousch. Nov. 23rd : Samuel Raffaeli, by D.

*The Zionist Review.*

*Al-Mashrik*, Oct. : An apostolic excursion in Upper Galilee, by P. Ferdinand Tawtel. Nov. : A page of the history of Lebanon in the XIXth cent., by M. H. ; archaeological discoveries at Malta, by Fouad E. Bostani.

The Committee have also to acknowledge with thanks :

Books Presented by W. Clarkson Wallis, Esq., October 23rd, 1923 :  
A Pastor's Memorial of Egypt, the Red Sea, the Wilderness of Sin and Paran, Mount Sinai, Jerusalem and other principal Localities of the Holy Land. Visited in 1843. By the Rev. George Fisk, LL.B. 1843.

Residence in Persia amongst the Nestorians. By the Rev. J. Perkins. 1843.

Nineveh and its Palaces. By Joseph Bonomi. 1852.

Journey through Arabia, Petrea, etc. By Leon de Leborde. 1846.

Travels in the Holy Land. By Fredrika Bremer. 1862.

Palestine and the Holy Land. By the Rev. M. Russell, LL.D. 1832.

Travels in Egypt, Syria and the Holy Land. By Irby and Mangles. 1844.

Nineveh. (2 vols.). By A. H. Layard. 1849.

Travels and Researches in Asia Minor and the Province of Lycia. By Sir Chas. Fellows. 1852.

Armenia, etc. By the Hon. Robert Curzon. 1854.

Travels in Turkey, Nubia and Palestine in 1824-1827. By R. R. Madden, M.D. 1833.

Scripture Lands. By John Kitto, D.D., F.S.A. 1850.

From Mrs. Smith :

The Jerusalem Volume and Tristram's "Flora and Fauna of Palestine" (Survey of Western Palestine); and the Portfolio of Plates and Plans of the 1867-70 Excavations at Jerusalem.

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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 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*.

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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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