

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Office will be closed from Saturday, August 16th, for three weeks, re-opening on Monday, September 8th. During that time letters may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Dr. E. W. G. Masterman, Medical Superintendent's House, St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell, S.E. 5. But letters posted direct to the Office will be fetched weekly.

We are pleased to announce that it is the intention of the Executive Committee to issue shortly an "Annual" for the current year, which will give a full account of the first season of work on Mount Ophel. Prof. Macalister and the Rev. J. Garrow Duncan have been engaged on the MS. for some time, and we anticipate that it will be published in the early Autumn.

The Annual Meeting this year was very well attended indeed, and Prof. Macalister's address upon his work in Jerusalem was listened to with great interest. Viscount Burnham was, appropriately, in the Chair, and we draw the attention of our readers to his speech, p. 106 below. The Joint Expedition of the Palestine Exploration Fund and the *Daily Telegraph* has, as yet, produced nothing sensational, but some very solid results have been gained; and our knowledge of the ancient Holy City stands on a distinctly higher level than it did a year ago. As Viscount Burnham remarked, the people who were aroused by the discovery of Tutankhamen's

tomb in Egypt had had little idea of the persistent laborious work in Egyptian excavation that had preceded; and if people do not realize what has been and is being done in Palestine to-day, it is mainly because at present nothing has come to light which appeals to the imagination as the Pharaoh's tomb has done. None the less, we all have every reason to be satisfied with what has been established by the expedition during the last few months, and we make an urgent appeal for new subscribers and for more funds to enable us to continue what has been well begun. We would remind our readers that a donation of Five Guineas, followed by an annual subscription of One Guinea, qualifies for "Membership," and a payment of Twenty-five Guineas qualifies for "Life Membership."

Besides Prof. Macalister's survey of his past work, we draw attention also to the Third Quarterly Report, from the Assistant-Director, Mr. Duncan. Since receiving his Report we have had a letter from him, dated June 11th, containing the following supplementary statement:—

"June 11th: We have gone down to a depth of 40 feet from the surface of the field, and exposed the Tower to a height of 32 feet at the North corner; and about 20 feet at the South end. It is now clear that there is no gate opening Eastwards in this Tower. There are at least three different periods represented in the masonry of the face of it—Jebusite, Davidic and Solomonic, and Nehemiah probably. We have now struck three or four narrower walls of a very primitive type beneath the Tower. These walls are of the same class of masonry as the walls which we attributed to the Jebusites in our first field.

"The peculiarity is that they all run out towards the East—how far we cannot tell, till we have got the bank of earth removed from before the Tower. Two of these walls run parallel with only a passage of a few feet between them."

In accordance with the directions of the Executive Committee, the Secretary wrote recently to the Dominican Fathers of Saint Étienne, Jerusalem, thanking them for their kind and courteous co-operation in the past, and expressing a hope that this happy

condition of things might continue. In reply the following communications were received, which we have much pleasure in printing:—

“Père Dhorme and his colleagues of Saint-Étienne express to the Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund their sincere thanks for the resolution of 21st May, 1924, which has been communicated to them. They will not fail to continue their co-operation in the most recent work of the Fund, in the interests of Palestinian archaeology.

“Jerusalem, 3rd June, 1924.”

(Translation of a letter from Prof. Vincent to Dr. Masterman.)

“Jerusalem, Palestine,

“3rd June, 1924.

“Dear Dr. Masterman,

“My associates and I have been greatly touched by the friendly resolution of the Committee, and by the pleasant letter in which you have been so kind as to express it to me. Père Dhorme, Director of the School, will himself forward our most sincere thanks, that you may lay them before the Committee. But I cannot resist the pleasure of writing myself, to send with my best acknowledgments my sincere congratulations on the good fortune of the work of the Fund at Ophel. It is no merit for us to lend to this splendid work all the help that we can give, for they have the most lively interest for us. It was a great joy to find in command of the field for the whole of the first part of the season, so qualified a master and so perfect a friend as Prof. Macalister. Under his direction Mr. Duncan has gained most valuable experience, and all the exactitude of method necessary in so difficult and so complicated an excavation. The success of the coming season promises even to exceed the excellent result of the first six months. Mr. Duncan is at the moment uncovering the great bastion of which the two extremities have been revealed by Prof. Macalister, on the exact crest of the hill above the Virgin's Fountain. This projection, founded on the external Jebusite rampart, at the border of the water-shed, appears to me to be Davidic or Solomonic in origin, with repairs of the later monarchy and of the time of Nehemiah. Everything so far found leads us to believe that it also contains a gate (the Fountain Gate), and that it

represents some one of the monuments which the Book of Nehemiah mentions, in connexion with the City of David, on the eastern border of the hill. From every point of view it is one of the most imposing structures brought to light since excavation began in Palestine. Once more the Fund will have deserved well of Jerusalem and of Palestinian Archaeology.

"With my renewed best thanks, I pray you to accept my sincere compliments."

(Signed) "L. Hugues Vincent,
"Dominican."

In reference to the notes on Damascus, by Canon Hanauer, in the last issue (pp. 68 *sqq.*), Dr. Thomas Ashby, of the British School at Rome, very kindly draws our attention to an account of the antiquities of Damascus as at present visible, by C. Watzinger and K. Wulzinger (Part IV of the *Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen des Deutsch-Türkischen Denkmalschutzkommandos*; published by Wiegand, Berlin and Leipzig, 1921). A copy of this would be highly appreciated, as the Library of the Fund does not possess one.

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, p. 102 *sq.*

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 contributions :—

	£	s.	d.
Legacy bequeathed by the late Sir John and Lady Gray Hill	500	0	0

Donations for Ophel.

Major R. A. Dyott	1	0	0
Melville Gray, Esq.	2	0	0
The Bishop of British Guiana	3	3	0
Rev. Dr. Charles Knapp	2	2	0
Mrs. John Lamont	1	1	0
Stewart Margetson, Esq.	5	5	0
Miss Tighe	1	1	0
The Religious Tract Society, for Lecture delivered by the Hon. Secretary	3	3	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:—

The Near East, June 12th: Damascus, by Major E. W. Polson Newman; June 19th, The Palestine Pavilion at Wembley.

Annals of Archaeology and Anthropology, XI, 1.

The Scottish Geographical Magazine, May.

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, LIII, 1923.

Expository Times.

Palestine.

Zionist Review.

Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, April, 1924: Archaeological Results of an Expedition to Moab and the Dead Sea, by Prof. Albright.

Journal of the American Oriental Society.

American Journal of Archaeology, 1923, IV; 1924, I.

Jewish Quarterly Review, April.

Geographical Review, April: Moslem Geography of the Middle Ages, by C. Schoy.

American Journal of Philology, XLV, 1.

Art and Archaeology, April: American School at Athens number; May: Yugoslav Art number.

Homiletic Review, June: The Problem of the Obelisks.

Journal Asiatique, July-Sept., 1923: Egypt and Asia in Prehistoric Times, by J. de Morgan.

Revue Biblique, April: Le nouvel hypogée de Byblos et l'hypogée royal de Gézer, R. P. L. H. Vincent; Topographie des campagnes machabéennes; Où en est la question de Caphargamala, R. P. F. M. Abel; Le fin de l'empire Assyrien d'après un nouveau document, R. P. P. Dhorme; Inscription Arabe d'Ortaş, and La fête de Saint Élie au Mont Carmel, R. P. J. A. Jaussen.

Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes: XXXI, 1, 1924.

Orientalistische Literaturzeitung, March: The Greeks in the Boghaz Keui Texts, by E. Forrer.

Biblica, March.

Journal of the Palestine Oriental Society, III, 4: Jewish Coinage and the date of the Bar-Kokhbah Revolt, S. Raffaelli; The Sheikh Sa'ad ad-din and the jinn at Nāblus, J. A. Jaussen; the date of the "Blessing of Moses" (Deut. xxxiii), W. J. Phythian-Adams; Palestinian Animal Stories and Fables, St. H. Stephen; Emek ha-Bakha, Bekhaim, David Yellin, etc.

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Al-Mashrik, April: The Arab Academy of Damascus, by P. L. Cheikho; May: Gebal: history, cults, monuments, by P. L. Cheikho; Syrian divinities adored at Kortaba, by P. René Mouterde.

The Committee have also to acknowledge with thanks:

From the Author :—

"Biblioteca Bio-Bibliografica della Terra Santa e dell' Oriente Francese," Tomo IV (dal 1333 al 1345). P. Girolamo Golubovich, O.F.M. (Collegio di S. Bonaventura, 1923.)

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.*