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PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

A YEAR has passed since the first Quarterly Report on the Excavation of the Eastern Hill of Jerusalem, and we can look back with satisfaction upon the solid results that have been recorded. It is true that nothing sensational has turned up of the sort that from time to time rewards the patient excavator. We have not discovered any historical inscription of the Hebrew monarchy, to set by the side of the Moabite inscription of king Mesha or the inscriptions of Panammu in North Syria. The Hebrew ostrakon which *might* have borne a message of intense interest has a less immediate importance, and the progress which has been recorded quarter by quarter has been of a value which is not immediately recognised by those who look only for striking results. Mr. Duncan has succeeded in clearing up many minor problems; and the discoveries he has made of the old wall of Jerusalem are an achievement upon which he is to be congratulated. We know more of ancient Jerusalem than we did a year ago, and the very nature of the "finds" are a sufficient guarantee that discoveries of more recognizable importance may be made at any moment. It is too early to present a complete picture of what has been added to our knowledge of the great sacred city, but thanks to the numerous minor objects we can see more into the life of the Jebusites and later inhabitants than ever we could a year ago.

Readers will find in the current number an account by Dr. Masterman of the fine American publication of the excavations at Samaria; Canon Hanauer contributes to the study of Syrian folk-lore, and Dr. Salaman gives the first half of a paper dealing with the Philistines. Here, on the basis of biological investigation and the monuments, arguments are given for the view that one of the current Jewish types is partly of Philistine (ultimately Aegean) origin, and that Philistines and Jews intermarried to a far greater extent than has ever been guessed. Dr. Salaman's paper is an interesting and important contribution to questions of Israelite history and ethnology.

The British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem has published the second of its Supplementary Papers in the shape of a study by Mr. K. A. C. Cresswell on "the Origin of the Plan of the Dome of the Rock." It is a scholarly and valuable treatment of the question, based upon a very wide knowledge of Mohammedan architecture, on which he is an authority, and shows that the plan may be regarded as thoroughly Syrian.

The School has not yet elected a resident Student Librarian. The Post which carries with it an honorarium of £100, will afford ample opportunity for study and for attending the School course; and Candidates, who must have passed a University in Archaeology, Classics or Oriental Languages, should apply in writing to the Hon. Sec., 2, Hinde Street, London, W. 1.

In the October bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Prof. Albright reports that in the second of the famous painted tombs at Marissa (now cleared out by the Department of Antiquities), Mr. W. D. Carroll discovered an Aramaic *graffito* in three lines, hitherto unnoticed. It appears to be of the second century B.C.; but unfortunately a third of it is almost illegible. We look forward keenly to its publication. It is a most interesting addition to the history of Aramaic paleography, coming, as it does, between the Egyptian Aramaic papyri (fifth century) and the Jewish ossuaries, and between the script of 'Arāk el-Emir and

the Nabataean inscriptions. It may be mentioned that further light is thrown upon Marissa by Papyrus No. 70 of the "Archives of Zeno," discussed by Father Jaussen in the *Revue Biblique*, Oct., pp. 566 *sqq.* It illustrates the persistence of the slave traffic carried on by the Idumaeans and well known in earlier times.

The University of Michigan Expedition under Prof. D. M. Robinson has discovered a fine Christian Basilica at Antioch of Pisidia. Beneath the nave was found a mosaic floor of an earlier church of the fourth century A.D. The size of the building presupposes a very important ecclesiastical organization which may have grown out of the group of the faithful converted by St. Paul.

Subscribers resident in Jerusalem are kindly asked to note that Lady Watson, widow of Colonel Sir Charles Watson, R.E., late Chairman of the P.E.F. Committee, has kindly consented to act as Hon. Local Secretary for Jerusalem in succession to Mrs. Barron who has left the country. Subscriptions and enquiries as to Membership should be addressed, Lady Watson, P.O. Box 102, Jerusalem.

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. 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. 5 *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:—

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From the British Academy, second contribution towards the Ophel excavations			
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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:—

The Near East. Special letters from Palestine, etc.

The Origin of the Plan of the Dome of the Rock. British School of Archaeology, supplementary papers, 2, 1924. By K. A. C. Creswell.

The Expository Times, Dec.: Telescoped history, by Prof. J. E. McFadyen.

A Sumerian Reading Book. By C. J. Gadd (Oxford, 1924).

Early Hebrew History and other Studies. By Harold M. Wiener (Scott, London, 1924). (Includes essays on the Law of Change in the Bible and the Biblical Doctrines of Joint, Hereditary and Individual Responsibility).

The New Judaea, Nov. 21. Prof. Patrick Geddes and others on the Hebrew University.

The Zionist Review.

Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Oct.: Researches in Western Judaea, by Prof. Albright (several new identifications, e.g., "Tell el-Hesi is almost certainly Eglon").

The Museum Journal (University of Pennsylvania), June: The Expedition to Palestine, by Dr. Clarence S. Fisher; September, The Church at Beisan, by the same (photographs of Beisan as seen from the air).

Homiletic Review.

Bulletin of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Nov.

Art and Archaeology, October: Movie realism and archaeological fact: Ancient Egypt in the Movies, etc., by Bruce Bryan; the Art of the Mayas, by Dudley Corlett.

Jewish Quarterly Review.

Geographical Review.

Journal Asiatique.

Revue Biblique, Oct.: L'aurore de l'histoire babylonienne, by R. P. P. Dhorme; les Achéens dans les Textes de Boghaz-keui, by the same; le coq et la pluie dans la tradition palestinienne, by R. P. J.-A.-Jaussen; Marisa et la traite des esclaves en Idumée, by R. P. F.-M. Abel; Découvertes récentes à Beit Djebrin, by the same.

Bulletin de correspondance Hellénique.

Conscientia (Rome).

Orientalistische Literaturzeitung: Monatschrift für die Wissenschaft vom ganzen Orient., Oct.: Die rechts- und die linksansicht im ägypt. Reliefstil; by H. Bonnet.

Epigraphisches aus Syrien, I and II (Göttingen). By Prof. M. Lidzbarski. (Notes on ossuaries discovered at Beth-phage and the Kidron valley, also on a Phoenician inscription from Byblus said to be of the XIIIth cent. B.C.)

Bible Lands, Oct.: Educational work in Palestine, by Rev. E. W. Hamond.

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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*.

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.*
