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NOTES AND NEWS.

READERS of the Quarterly Statement will be anxious to hear what is the position of the P.E.F. with regard to the excavations at Ophel. Firstly, the present two years' excavation has come to an end and the Rev. Garrow Duncan, who carried on the work after Professor Macalister left, has now returned to Scotland. Secondly, the official result of this successful work is now in the press and will shortly be issued as a special "Annual," 1923-25. Besides this there is a good deal of material in the form of special reports which is at present in bulky MS., but some of which will doubtless be published. In the current number of the *Quarterly Statement* we publish a short article on the Arab coins—in the next number we expect to issue a report on some interesting caves found at Ophel, and there is a good deal in hand regarding the pottery finds which can be consulted at the offices of the Fund. Thirdly, while from the lack of funds the Executive Committee are now obliged for a time to leave the most interesting site, it is their intention, should financial support become available, to recommence as soon as possible—it is to be hoped next year, or at latest, in 1927. The permit given to the P.E.F. to excavate at this site has not been withdrawn, but its continuance will depend upon work being resumed within a reasonable time. Our experience of excavating on Ophel enables us to know much better than we did in 1923 where further work is likely to be fruitful in results. It is unbelievable that there is not much more of unique interest to Bible students within the, as yet, unexplored areas of this wonderful hill. Some may be discouraged by the expense of excavation in these modern days as compared with that

of twenty or more years ago, but that has got to be faced and the future is unlikely to make any favourable change. On the other hand, the political situation is at present most favourable and we are assured of the fullest assistance and support from the Government. We have no guarantee that that will continue. Opportunities lost now may quite probably be lost for ever. The Hill of Ophel is as yet but little built upon, but in ten or twenty years it will very probably be covered with habitations. Meanwhile, we hope that the Members and Subscribers will lose no opportunity for enlarging the numbers of our helpers as well as increasing our annual income.

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Among the contents of this issue is a series of statements by Canon Hanauer, the Rev. Garrow Duncan, and by the Honorary Secretary, on the recent discovery of traces of the "Third Wall" of Jerusalem, a brief reference to which was made in our last issue. Mr. Duncan has also sent an article on the curious caves which, at the time of their discovery, were optimistically spoken of as possibly the Tombs of the Kings of Judah; the article, however, has been crowded out of this number, and will appear in the January issue. The Rev. T. Crouther Gordon writes on some Arab coins from Ophel and Siloam, and Dr. Cowley gives an account of an interesting ancient Jewish tomb-stone found at the south-east end of the Dead Sea. Mr. FitzGerald, former student of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, and now returned to take part in the American excavations at Beth-Shan, contributes a helpful criticism of the label "Maccabaeon" as applied to certain types of pottery. Mr. Pink's translation of a Franciscan account of a pilgrimage to Rome is continued.

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The British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem is to be congratulated upon the fine specimen of the skull of Neanderthal man discovered by Mr. F. Turville-Petre in a cave near the Lake of Galilee. An excellent account of this was given by Sir Arthur Keith, with illustrations of the skull itself and of the cave in which it was found, in *The Times* of Friday, August 14; and the famous anatomist favoured the anthropological section of the British Association, after Mr. Turville-Petre had described the circumstances of

the discovery, with a full and luminous discussion of its significance. This was widely reported in the Press of September 2. Sir Arthur Keith pointed out that this "Galilæan man" must be at least 20,000 years old, perhaps even 10,000–20,000 years earlier; he was a link between *Homo Sapiens* and the higher apes, and the size of his brain corresponded in capacity with that of modern man. The discovery is one of extreme importance for our knowledge of pre-historic man, and Sir Arthur expressed envy at the way millionaires supported American exploration, and hoped that the Press would stimulate a similar movement in this country.

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Professor R. A. S. Macalister sends us the following curious record which lies hidden in the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries, series I, vol. 1, p. 235, Report of the meeting of January 20, 1848:—

Major Charles Ker Macdonald exhibited to the society . . . a collection of antiquities of different kinds, partly found by him during his travels in the desert of Arabia Petraea, Palestine and Egypt. . . . Major Macdonald, among his memoranda, detailed the circumstances attending a permission which he obtained to dig in a garden belonging to a Jew's house in Jerusalem, where, the earth suddenly giving way, he found himself in a subterranean cavern, resembling a cloister, supported by marble columns. Here his Arab workmen deserted him and the entrance was soon choked up by rubbish, so that he was unable to complete an examination thereof.

Inquiry made at Jerusalem has as yet failed to throw any further light upon this interesting little item.

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We regret to announce the death, on August 24, of Mr. Michael E. Lange, a member of the General Committee of the Palestine Excavation Fund, of which he was a keen and liberal supporter. Mr. Lange took First-Class Honours in Semitic Languages at Cambridge, and at his home in Gezer devoted himself alike to archaeological studies and agricultural schemes for the amelioration of the lot of the poor. A sympathetic notice of his life is given in *The Jewish Chronicle* of September 11.

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.

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The list of books received will be found below, p. 169 *sq.*

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The Committee will be glad to communicate with ladies and gentlemen willing to help the Fund as Honorary Local Secretaries.

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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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The Committee gratefully acknowledge the following special contributions :—

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George Mathieson, Esq.	...	...	20	0	0
Rev. Dr. Charles Knapp	...	...	2	2	0
Miss W. Langley	...	...	2	2	0

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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.

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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 £12 12s. 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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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.

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The Committee have also to acknowledge with thanks the following :

A Grammar of the Colloquial Arabic of Syria and Palestine, by G. R. Driver, M.A. (Probsthain, 1925.)

*The Near East and India*, August 20 : Oriental types (*contd.*), by F. W. Chardin ; The Druse Revolt, etc.

*Annals of Art and Archaeology*, xii, 1, 2. Excavations in Crete by Doro Levi, L. P. Droop, etc. ; book reviews, etc.

*The Expository Times*, July.

*The Scottish Geographical Magazine*, July : Climatic influences in some ancient Mediterranean religions, by Ellen C. Semple.

*The New Judaea*.

*Journal of the American Oriental Society*, June : Prof. Clay's Rejoinder to Prof. Barton (on the Amorite problem).

*Jewish Quarterly Review*, July : Fallen angels in Jewish and other literature, by Dr. Leo Jung.

*Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, April.

*Art and Archaeology*, June : Baltimore as an art centre ; July, excavations of Utica, etc.

*The Museum Journal* (University of Philadelphia), March : The Expedition to Ur, by C. Leonard Woolley ; a Great Temple of Babylonia, by the same.

*The Homiletic Review*.

*Revue Biblique*, July : The distance from Jerusalem to Emmaus, by A. P. F. M. Abel ; Hermetism, by R. P. Lagrange ; " Garden Tomb, the history of a myth," by R. P. L. H. Vincent.

*Journal Asiatique*, January-March.

*Biblica*, June : The alleged Mosaic inscriptions from Sinai (*cont.*), by J. B. Schaumberger.

*Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins*, xlviii 1, 2 : The 'Ajlun, by Prof. Stenernagel ; the oldest Christian Pilgrims to Palestine, by Prof. Windisch ; review of the P.E.F.'s new map of Palestine, by Prof. Dalman.

*Die einstige Beschaffenheit d. heiligen Landes*, by W. Möller. Lütjenberg, 1925.

*Zeitschrift f. d. Alttest-Wissenschaft*, ii, 1, 2. Die Aufgabe der Wissenschaft des nachbibl. . . . Judentums, by Prof. Gressmann; notes on the excavations in Samaria, by the same; etc., etc.

*Orientalistische Literaturzeitung*, July-August, pp. 418-567; September-October, pp. 570-783: Many valuable and critical reviews, bibliographies.

*Reallexikon der Vorgeschichte* (Gruyter & Co., Berlin), vol. i, 1924; vol. ii, 1925: Reprints of many full and up-to-date articles in Palestinian archaeology, by Dr. Peter Thomsen.

*Bible Lands*, July: The Wadi el-kelt.

*At Machrik*, July: Early intercourse between Syria and Egypt, by the Abbé Armalé; history and monuments of Beirut, by P. L. Cheikho. August; the same continued.

NEA ΣΙΩΝ, May: Continuation of Greek translation of Mr. Garrow Duncan's report of the Fund's excavations.

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.*

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