

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Sixty-first Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 9th June, at the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Sir Charles Marston in the Chair. There was a good representative attendance. The Honorary Secretary gave a full report of the recent International Archaeological Congress at which he had been present. We publish a complete account of his report, as it is the best statement that has been given both upon the Congress and upon the present conditions of archaeological research. There is, as he points out, considerable activity, and there is room for more activity; and it is much to be regretted that the parent society, the P.E.F., is so hampered by lack of adequate funds. Readers should make a point of noting carefully the many-sidedness of the work now being carried on, appealing, as it does, to many different interests, and we commend this issue of the *Q.S.*, with Dr. Masterman's address, to the attention of all who are in any way interested in Palestinian archaeology and excavation and the light they throw upon the Bible.

Through the Honorary Secretary we are able to publish two papers, or portions of papers, which were read at the Congress. We hope to print in the next issue an account of Rāmallah, by our Honorary General Secretary in the United States, Prof. Elihu Grant. Attention is drawn to Father Vincent's letter on the P.E.F. map, which we print below, p. 160.

The British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem held its Annual General Meeting on 4th June at Burlington House, when Prof. J. L. Myres presided. The Director of the School, Prof. J. Garstang, gave an interesting address on the past year's work. He was followed by Prof. F. C. Burkitt with an account of some of the places visited by the recent International Archaeological Congress to Syria and Palestine. Of special interest were the beautiful lantern views of Palmyra and Petra.

We are indebted to the Director of Agriculture, Government of Palestine, for complete summaries of meteorological observations taken during the year 1925 at the following official stations:—Jerusalem, Gaza, Haifa, Beersheba, Jenin, and Jericho. Also for statements of the rainfall at non-official stations:—Tiberias, Tel-Aviv, Nazareth, Saron, Beit-Gemmal, Mikveh Israel, Nablus, Tulkarem, Safed, Ras el-Nakura and Giv'at Ada. With the latter is an additional comparative statement of rainfall at all stations for the seasons (June to May), 1920–21 to 1924–25.

The Committee regret the delay in issuing the *Memoir or Annual*, 1923–5, on the Ophel excavations. Most of it has been in print for some time. Much of the delay has been due to the addition of valuable material since the original MS. was put into type, and to the compilation, under the supervision of Sir Charles Close, of two important maps. One of these shows the results of all the excavations made upon the Ophel ridge during the last sixty years. But still further delay has been due to the recent general strike.

The Palestine Museum of Antiquities has now published a *Guide to the Exhibition of Moslem Heraldry in Palestine*, issued by the Department of Antiquities, Jerusalem (January, 1926). It is prepared by Dr. L. A. Mayer of that department, who is responsible for the arrangement of the Exhibition and is engaged in writing a monograph on the subject. The present Exhibition is the first attempt to display the Moslem heraldry of one country and to show its connexion with the contemporary heraldry of the adjacent countries, and all visitors to Palestine will do well to pay it a visit.

The new plan of Jerusalem, on a scale of approximately 1 : 5,000, or about 12 inches to a mile, recently published by the Pro-Jerusalem Society, is now on sale at the P.E.F. office. Unmounted it measures 39 × 34 inches, and the price is 5s. Mounted on cotton and folded to size 8 × 6 inches, price 9s. The latter form is the more convenient, as, owing to its size, the unmounted sheet cannot be sent through the post without a fold.

The Annual Report, with Accounts and List of Subscriptions for the year 1925, was issued with the April number.

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. 110 *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.

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 £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.

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, March 25. The archaeologist in the field, by W. R. Berry.

The Expository Times, April: Moses and the New Sinai Inscriptions, by Rev. J. W. Jack.

The New Judaea.

The Zionist Review.

The Museum Journal (University of Pennsylvania), December, 1925: Discovery of the temple of Ashtaroth, by Alan Rowe; the builders' art at Ur (about 50 illustrations with explanation).

Journal of the American Oriental Society, March, 1926: Daniel and Androcles, by N. Schmidt.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York: Bulletin, Part II: The Egyptian Expedition, 1924–25.

American Journal of Philology.

The Homiletic Review.

The Jewish Quarterly Review.

Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, February, 1926: From Jerusalem to Baghdad down the Euphrates, by Drs. Albright and Dougherty.

The Secret Rapture, by R. H. McCartney (Watson & Co., Chicago, U.S.A.).

Revue Biblique, April, 1926: Topography of the Maccabaeic campaigns; also Greek inscriptions of the aqueduct of Jerusalem; and letter of a Templar recently found at Jerusalem, by R. P. F.-M. Abel.

Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique, January–June, 1925.

Biblica, January, 1926: The boundary between the kingdom of Judah and the ten tribes, by L. Heidet; criticism of the same, by E. Power; note on the inscription of Ahiram, by L. Semkowski. April: Prehistoric man in Palestine, by A. Mallon.

Conscientia.

Orientalistische Literaturzeitung, April: The significance of Syria and Asia Minor for the development of Christian iconography, by Georg Stuhlfauth.

Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft, 1926, heft I: New cuneiform material to the Book of Daniel, by W. Baumgartner; the excavations in Ur of the Chaldees, and Beisan; Homo galilaeensis; the Society for Old Testament Study, etc., by the Editor (Prof. Gressmann).

Vorgeschichtliches Jahrbuch für die Gesellschaft für vorgeschichtliche Forschung, edited by Max Ebert: (i) bibliography for 1924. (Berlin and Leipzig, Gruyter & Co., 1926.)

Bulletin de l'Académie des Sciences de l'Union des républiques soviétiques socialistes, 1926, Nos. 3-4.

Journal of the Palestine Oriental Society, vi, 1-2: Mohammedan saints and sanctuaries in Palestine, by T. Canaan; Canaanite tombs near Jaffa, by S. Tolkowsky; notes on early Hebrew and Aramaic epigraphy and other contributions, by W. F. Albright.

Enzyklopädie des Judentums. Published by "Eschol," Berlin and Jerusalem. (Specimen articles of the German and Hebrew editions.)

Report of an Expedition to Southern Palestine, by Adolf Reifenberg. (Publication I of the Scientific Investigation of Palestine.)

NEA ΣΙΩΝ, March. The gates and towers of Jerusalem, by Archb. Themele.

Bible Lands, April.

The Palestine Bulletin.

Al-Mashrik, May: Beirut, 1804-60, by P. L. Cheikho, S.J.

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.

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