

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Firman for excavating at Jerusalem having terminated on 20th June Dr. Bliss came at once to England, and was present at the annual meeting. His final report is published in the present number, and he is now engaged in preparing for publication a memoir of his three years' work and its results.

The work of exploration in Palestine by means of excavations is full of promise, and funds are greatly needed in order that opportunities which present themselves may be utilised. The remarkable success which has attended the excavations at Tell el Hesi and Jerusalem is sufficient indication of the important results which may be expected from such investigations if judiciously and perseveringly conducted.

Dr. Schick reports that in consequence of the heavy rains last winter a house in the Armenian quarter fell and a woman who was in it was killed. The upper chamber first fell and broke in the floor of the room below, causing the poor woman and her bed to fall into a cistern which was underneath.

New shops have been built by the Armenian convent and by Mohammedans within the city south of the Jewish quarter and east of Bab Nebi Daūd, and Dr. Schick has made use of the opportunity afforded during the progress of improvements in that neighbourhood to examine carefully the *Columbarium* discovered there by Sir Charles Warren, which was subsequently used as a cistern.

Dr. Schick also writes of what he calls "remains of an ancient city wall" running northward from Burj el Kibryt. His account of these observations will be published in a future number.

With reference to Professor Theodore Wright's note on "The Swastica," in the *Quarterly Statement* for April last, p. 153, Miss Congreve, of Torquay, directs attention to a paper by John Newton, M.R.C.S.E., published in the "Proceedings of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Liverpool," No. xxxiv (1889), in which, facing p. 224, a drawing is given showing the



THE "FYLFOT" OR "SUASTIKA."

"origin of the 'fylfot' or 'suastika' by leaving out part of the rim of the sun-wheel."

The income of the Society, from June 24th, 1897, to September 18th, 1897, was—from annual subscriptions and donations, including Local Societies, £249 6s. 3d.; from Lectures, £3 17s. 6d.; from sales of publications, &c., £146 17s. 7d.; total, £400 1s. 4d. The expenditure during the same period was £308 9s. 2d. On September 18th the balance in the Bank was £229 12s. 2d.

Dr. Post's "Flora of Syria, Palestine, and Sinai" is now ready, and may be obtained on application to the author at Beirut.

The work embraces 126 orders, 850 genera, and 3,416 species, many of the latter, as well as numerous varieties, being new to science. It is illustrated by 445 woodcuts, and a coloured map, showing the botanical regions of the district covered. It contains a general analytical key to all the orders, and special keys to the larger tribes and genera. Much labour has been expended on these keys, and it is hoped that, by their means, the usefulness of the book will be greatly increased, especially for students and travellers.

Henry Turnbull, Esq., Grosvenor Road, Scarborough, has kindly consented to act as Honorary Local Secretary for Scarborough.

Memo. for Subscribers to the Survey of Palestine.—In the original programme it was intended that the "Archæological Researches" of M. Clermont-Ganneau should be published in one volume, but the work increased so much since its commencement that the Committee found it necessary to arrange for the publication of the whole in two volumes. Vol. II has been published in advance for the reasons stated in the prefatory note.

Vol. I, which treats of Jerusalem and its neighbourhood, is now well forward, and, when ready, will be sent out to the first 250 Subscribers without any increase in their subscriptions for the full set.

The set consists of "The Survey of Eastern Palestine," by Lieut.-Colonel Conder, LL.D., R.E., in one vol.; "The Fauna and Flora of Sinai, Petra, and the Wâdy 'Arabah," by H. Chichester Hart, B.A., in one vol.; "The

Archæological Researches," by Professor Clermont-Ganneau, in two vols. Four volumes in all.

There are only a few copies of the sets left at the price of £7 7s.

Lieut.-Colonel Conder's important work, "The Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem"—1099 to 1292 A.D.—describing the condition of Palestine under the Crusaders, was published in January. It is based on the chronicles and contemporary accounts, both Christian and Moslem, and on the information collected during the progress of the Survey, with descriptions of the scenes of the important events, and other information not to be found in previous histories of the Crusades. It forms an octavo volume of over 400 pages, with two maps, giving the Crusading names and boundaries of the "Fiefs" throughout Palestine.

A translation of Behâ ed Dîn's "Life of Saladin," A.D. 1145-1232, which forms the concluding volume of the Palestine Pilgrims' Text Series, is now being issued.

This translation has been compared with the original Arabic, and annotated by Lieut.-Colonel Conder, LL.D., R.E., with a preface and notes by Major-General Sir Charles Wilson, K.C.B., F.R.S., R.E.

Copies of the "Life of Saladin," bound in cloth, with an index, *can be had separately*. Price to Subscribers to the Fund, 6s. 6d.

Sir Charles Wilson writes in reference to the "Life of Saladin":—"The present volume closes the series of translations issued by the Palestine Pilgrims' Text Society, and I am glad to take this opportunity of conveying the thanks of the Committee to those gentlemen who have so kindly and readily given their assistance in translating, annotating, and editing the works. Without the cordial assistance of those gentlemen it would not have been possible to carry out the original programme of the Society, and place within the reach of English readers the more important of the records which the early and mediæval pilgrims have left of their pilgrimages to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. The Committee and the Society are also deeply indebted to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, who has done so much to further the interests of the work."

The price of a complete set of the translations published by the 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, 24, Hanover Square.

Livraison 15 of M. Clermont-Ganneau's "Recueil d'Archéologie Orientale," which has reached us, contains articles on the Statue of the Nabatean King Rabel I at Petra; a reliquary of the Crusades; the "comes" or *gtes d'étape* of the Mamlook Sultans, &c.

Branch Associations of the Bible Society, all Sunday Schools within the Sunday School Institute, the Sunday School Union, and the Wesleyan

Sunday School Institute, will please observe that by a special Resolution of the Committee they will henceforth be treated as subscribers and be allowed to purchase the books and maps (by application only to the Secretary) at reduced price.

The Committee have to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Library of the Fund :—

“The Holy Land in Geography,” vol. i; “The Holy Land in History,” vol. ii. By Townsend MacCoun, A.M., New York. From the author.

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. A catalogue of Books in the Library will be found in the July *Quarterly Statement*, 1893.

Mr. George Armstrong’s Raised Map of Palestine is on view at the office of the Fund. A circular giving full particulars about it will be sent on application to the Secretary.

The third edition of the new Collotype Print or Photo-relief from a specially prepared copy of the Raised Map of Palestine is now ready. Price to subscribers, 2s. 3d.; non-subscribers, 3s. 3d., post free.

The print is on thin paper, measuring 20 inches by 28½ inches.

The museum of the Fund, at 24, Hanover Square, is now open to subscribers between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., every week-day except Saturdays, when it closes at 2 p.m.

It may be well to mention that plans and photographs alluded to in the reports from Jerusalem and elsewhere cannot all be published, but all are preserved in the office of the Fund, where they may be seen by subscribers.

While 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 neither sanction nor adopt them.

In order to make up complete sets of the *Quarterly Statement* the Committee will be very glad to receive any of the back numbers.

Subscribers who do not receive the *Quarterly Statement* regularly are asked to send a note to the Secretary. Great care is taken to forward each number to those who are entitled to receive it, but changes of address and other causes occasionally give rise to omissions.

The Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund desire to make clear that they have no book on their List of Publications called "Picturesque Palestine," nor is any person authorised to represent this book as published by the Society; nor has the Society any book-hawkers in its employment.

TOURISTS are cordially invited to visit the Loan Collection of "Antiques" in the JERUSALEM ASSOCIATION ROOM of the Palestine Exploration Fund, opposite the Tower of David, Jerusalem. Hours: 8 to 12, and 2 to 6. Maps of Palestine and Palestine Exploration Fund publications are kept for sale.

Photographs of Dr. Schick's models (1) of the Temple of Solomon, (2) of the Herodian Temple, (3) of the Haram Area during the Christian occupation of Jerusalem, and (4) of the Haram Area as it is at present, have been received at the office of the Fund. Sets of these photographs, with an explanation by Dr. Schick, can be purchased by applying to the Secretary, 24, Hanover Square, W.

The authorised lecturers for the Society are—

AMERICA.

Professor Theodore F. Wright, Ph.D., 42, Quincy Street, Cambridge, Mass., Honorary General Secretary of the Palestine Exploration Fund for the United States. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *The Building of Jerusalem.*
- (2) *The Overthrow of Jerusalem.*
- (3) *The Progress of the Palestine Exploration.*

ENGLAND.

The Rev. Thomas Harrison, F.R.G.S., The Vicarage, Appledore, Ashford, Kent. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *Research and Discovery in the Holy Land.*
- (2) *Bible Scenes in the Light of Modern Science.*
- (3) *The Survey of Eastern Palestine.*
- (4) *In the Track of the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan.*
- (5) *The Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, and the Cities of the Plain.*
- (6) *The Recovery of Jerusalem—(Excavations in 1894).*
- (7) *The Recovery of Lachish and the Hebrew Conquest of Palestine.*
- (8) *Archæological Illustrations of the Bible.* (Specially adapted for Sunday School Teachers).

N.B.—All these Lectures are illustrated by specially prepared lantern slides.

The Rev. Charles Harris, M.A., F.R.G.S., Appledore, Ashford, Kent. (All Lectures illustrated by lantern slides.) His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *Modern Discoveries in Palestine.*
- (2) *Stories in Stone; or, New Light on the Old Testament.*
- (3) *Underground Jerusalem; or, With the Explorer in 1895.*
Bible Stories from the Monuments, or Old Testament History
in the Light of Modern Research:—

- (4) A. *The Story of Joseph; or, Life in Ancient Egypt.*
- (5) B. *The Story of Moses; or, Through the Desert to the Promised Land.*
- (6) C. *The Story of Joshua; or, The Buried City of Lachish.*
- (7) D. *The Story of Sennacherib; or Scenes of Assyrian Warfare.*
- (8) E. *The Story of the Hittites; or, A Lost Nation Found.*

SCOTLAND.

The Rev. James Smith, B.D., St. George's-in-the-West Parish, Aberdeen.

His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *The Palestine Exploration Fund.*
- (2) *A Pilgrimage to Palestine.*
- (3) *Jerusalem—Ancient and Modern.*
- (4) *The Temple Area, as it now is.*
- (5) *The Church of the Holy Sepulchre.*
- (6) *A Visit to Bethlehem and Hebron.*
- (7) *Jericho, Jordan, and the Dead Sea.*

The Rev. W. Burnet Thomson, M.A., B.D., Galashiels, N.B. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *The City of the Great King; or Jerusalem and the Explorer.*
- (2) *The Temple, the Sepulchre, and Calvary.*
- (3) *Southern Palestine.*
- (4) *Jerusalem to Damascus.*
- (5) *Palestine and Jesus Christ (for children).*
- (6) *The Bible and the Monuments. Discoveries in Ancient Land.*

All illustrated with lantern slides.

WALES.

The Rev. J. Llewelyn Thomas, M.A., Aberpergwm, Glynneath, South Wales. His subjects are as follows:—

- (1) *Explorations in Judea.*
- (2) *Research and Discovery in Samaria and Galilee.*
- (3) *In Bible Lands; a Narrative of Personal Experiences.*
- (4) *The Reconstruction of Jerusalem.*
- (5) *Problems of Palestine.*

Application for Lectures may be either addressed to the Secretary, 24, Hanover Square, W., or sent to the address of the Lecturers.
