

THE

# PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

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## NOTES AND NEWS.

THE following prospectus has been prepared by the Executive Committee. It has been issued to the members of the General Committee first, and is now presented to the whole body of subscribers :—

“The Committee have now in their hands, completed and arranged for publication, the whole of the maps, memoirs, drawings, and special studies connected with their survey of Western Palestine. Her Majesty’s Government have kindly allowed the twenty-six sheets of the Society’s great map to be photo-lithographed by the Ordnance Survey Department, Southampton, under the immediate control of Colonel Cooke, R.E., C.B. The greatest accuracy has therefore been secured.

“The memoirs, drawings, and special studies are the work of Colonels Wilson and Warren, Captain Anderson, Lieutenants Conder and Kitchener, Professor Palmer, Mr. Glaisher, and other investigators.

“It is proposed to issue these results, so long expected by Biblical and historical students, without delay. The first issue will be a large paper edition in quarto; the number of copies strictly limited to 250; each copy to be numbered and signed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, in the order in which the names of subscribers are received. The first volume, with corresponding maps, may be expected about the end of the present year.

“The general editors will be—

“Lieut.-Colonel Wilson, R.E., C.B.

“Captain Anderson, R.E., C.M.G.

“The number of volumes, including those of drawings and plans, will be at least six, and probably seven.

“The price of this edition will be 12 guineas, payable at the option of the subscriber, either in advance, or as the volumes and sheets are issued.

“No part of the memoirs, none of the drawings, and no sheets of the map, will be issued to the general public until the whole work is in the hands of subscribers to this large paper edition, and the work will not be issued afterwards in a *cheaper* form.

“The following particulars can be given :—

### “I. THE GREAT MAP.

“The Great Map consists of twenty-six sheets, each 22 inches by 18 inches, and covers the whole of the country between a line drawn eastward from the mouth of the Litany on the north, and one drawn from Gaza to the middle of

the Dead Sea on the south. Its eastern boundary is the Jordan. The map is on a scale of 1 inch to a mile: it is thus large enough to show every detail of the country—every ruin, every village, ancient or modern; the aqueducts, plantations, Roman roads, tells, tombs, synagogues, temples, castles, and forts, Crusading and Saracenic; wadies, fountains, springs, and wells. It is not only the largest map of Palestine yet produced, but *it is the only map of the country drawn, after a scientific survey, by trained officers.* Its accuracy has been attested by official experts. It covers the greater part of the country which is the scene of Biblical history; and though the general features of the land are known, having been described by numerous travellers, the details are now for the first time laid down.

“Henceforth it will be possible for a student to follow the history contained in the Bible by a true map of the country.

“The villages are coloured in red, and the coast-lines in blue. The altitudes of the hills are given in figures. An index map, showing the place of the separate sheets, will also be supplied.

#### “II. THE MEMOIRS.

“Every sheet of the Map is accompanied by its own memoirs, compiled by the officers of the Survey from their own note-books, observations, and journals.

“These, for convenience sake, have been drawn up separately for each sheet, and the information contained in them has been divided in the following manner:

“1. *Topography.* This section gives details as to all springs, streams, valleys, hills, position of villages, and other natural features, with special descriptions of interesting localities.

“2. *Archæology.* Under this head will be found an account of every ruin, tomb, building, or monument in the sheet, with such illustrative plans and sketches as may be thought necessary.

“3. *Name lists.* The total number of names obtained during the course of the Survey is over 10,000. A native scribe accompanied the party, and took down as many names as could be obtained from the peasants on the spot. These were then transliterated by Lieutenant Conder, and a translation has been since made, showing the meaning of every name. These lists are under revision by Professor E. H. Palmer, of Cambridge.

“4. *Proposed Biblical and other identifications.* As a first result of the Survey as many Biblical identifications have been proposed as had hitherto been made by all previous travellers put together.

“5. *Ethnology.* Under this heading will be grouped together all the legends, traditions, notes on manners and customs of the people, &c., collected during the Survey.

“6. *Geology.* This section will include all the geological notes made during the work, and, if possible, a paper on the geology of the country as a whole.

“To illustrate the second Section will be published, bound or in portfolio, all the drawings and special plans of buildings, scenery, &c., made by the Survey party.

“In addition to the memoirs, and forming part of the whole work, it is proposed to issue special papers on various subjects connected with the work, such as the method of conducting the Survey, the history of the Survey, the diagram of triangulation, the geography of Palestine as a whole, the archæology, ethnology,

geology, and climate. Some of the valuable papers which have appeared in the *Quarterly Statement* will be reprinted in this section of the work.

"A form of subscription is enclosed, which may be filled up and sent to Mr. Walter Besant, Secretary, who will return by post the number of each subscriber on the list.

"May, 1879.

"W. EBOR, *President*.

"W. HEPWORTH DIXON, *Chairman Exec. Com.*

"W. MORRISON, *Treasurer*.

"F. W. HOLLAND, } *Hon. Secs.*"

"GEORGE GROVE, }

The following is the list of subscribers to the Special Edition up to the present date (June 25th):—

The Archbishop of York (President's Copy).

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|  | 40. Rev. John W. Dulles.           |

It should be understood that there will be *no cheaper edition* of the *Survey* published. After this special edition is subscribed and issued, arrangements will be made for enabling the public to purchase any part or parts separately, such as the map, the plans, the memoirs, the Arabic lists, or the special papers. But this will be the cheapest way of procuring the whole work.

As regards the smaller map, that will be considered a separate production. The outline is now completely engraved, and considerable progress has been made in the hill-shading.

The whole of the American work has been placed by the Committee of the American Association for the Exploration of Palestine in our hands. It consists of thirteen sheets, and embodies the results of a reconnaissance survey east of the Jordan. Arrangements have been made for the reproduction of this map in the same manner as the English work, and through the same department of Her Majesty's Government. The memoirs to accompany the sheets will be forwarded in the course of the year. The publication of map and memoirs will follow that of our own work.

The appointment of Colonel Wilson as Consul-General of Asia Minor will not oblige him to resign his office as editor of the *Survey*. Mr. Grove has, however, found it necessary to resign his share in the work, and the Committee have invited Captain Anderson to take his place. Captain Anderson is now Commissioner for the Boundary of Servia, but is expected to return in the course of the summer.

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The Annual Meeting of the General Committee was held at the office of the Society on Tuesday, June 24th, at 3 p.m., under the presidency of Lord Talbot de Malahide. The Report of the Executive Committee, and the Resolutions which were passed, will be published in the *Quarterly Statement* for October.

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The curious and interesting discovery recently made in the Wady Suweinit by the Rev. H. D. Rawnsley, the report of which is published on page 177, is an illustration of the value of the *Survey*. Its history is as follows:—The Rev. W. F. Birch, Rector of St. Saviour's, Manchester, was led to believe that the "Rock Rimmon" might be found in the Wady Suweinit, and that the 600 Benjamites who abode *in* the rock must have found shelter in some great cave with a spring adjacent. He communicated with the Secretary, and asked that search might be made in the map and memoirs. A cave named Mugharet el Jai was found upon the map, but not described in the memoirs as possessing special interest. Mr. Birch then suggested that Dr. Chaplin, of Jerusalem, should be called to undertake a special examination of the valley. The result is the paper we are enabled to publish.

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Dr. Chaplin, in forwarding the report, writes as follows:—

"At the last moment I was prevented from joining an excursion to Wady Suweinit, and the honour of recovering the cave and spring has fallen to the Rev. Hardwicke D. Rawnsley, of Ambleside. His observations appear to me of great interest, and Mr. Birch has done good service by drawing attention to the subject. The name of the cave, 'Jai,' or 'Jaiyah,' is given by Robinson (vol. ii. 116). It is identical with that of the cave on Mr. Bergheim's property at Abu Shushah, and may mean a 'place of coming together'—a place where sheep or goats or fugitives may assemble. There can hardly now be a doubt as to the position of the 'holes' (*chorim*) out of which the Hebrews were thought by their enemies to be coming. Whilst holding the northern side of the gorge, the Philistines had evidently not ventured to explore its depths, judging that the strongholds there were already occupied, and not caring to expose themselves to missiles from above, where the Israelitish camp was pitched in full view. 'The pomegranate which was in Migron' (1 Sam. xiv. 2) stood in all probability by the spring where now the kharoob is so conspicuous, and although in Canon Tristram's notes the pomegranate is usually a shrub rather than a tree, it attains considerable dimensions when well watered and in a favourable situation. In some of the courtyards of Jerusalem there are pomegranate trees probably twenty feet high.

"The possible identity of the Rock of the Pomegranate, where the remnant of the Benjamites found a refuge, with this pomegranate, under which Saul's headquarters were fixed, was suggested long ago, being mentioned in the edition of Gesenius's Hebrew Lexicon printed in 1834, and the more the suggestion is

examined, the more probable it appears. In 1 Sam. xiv. 2, 'the pomegranate which was in the precipice (*migron*)' distinguishes the precise spot where the Hebrew king was stationed. In Judges xx. 45-47 it is the rock (or precipice) to which the pomegranate had given a name."

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Colonel Wilson has placed in the hands of the Committee a paper on the Masonry of the Haram, in which he considers all the facts and discoveries which have been made in the subject, not only by himself in his own survey of the city, but those made by Colonel Warren, M. Clermont-Ganneau, Lieut. Conder, and others. The paper will be published in the October number of the *Quarterly Statement*.

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We are indebted to the Zeitschrift of the German Association for the Exploration of Palestine for the two papers on Capernaum and the Birthplace of Nahum. The former will be found to contain a brief summary of the arguments for and against the various sites proposed. The latter opens out a subject extremely obscure. The paper on Modern Researches in Palestine was read by the Rev. Selah Merrill to the American Geographical Society.

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A crowded meeting has been held in Sydney, under the presidency of the Bishop, for the purpose of creating an interest in the Local Association in aid of the Palestine Exploration Fund. The meeting resulted in thirty or forty names being given in to the secretary on the spot.

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The income of the Fund from all sources, from March 11th to June 12th, 1879, was £643 11s. 10d. The expenditure was as follows:—Reduction of debt, £222 15s. 7d.; liabilities on *Tent Work*, £151 14s. 4d.; rent, parcels, postage, salaries, and offices, £154 16s. 2d. All the "unpaid accounts" which have figured so formidably in the annual balance sheets are now paid off.

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It is suggested to subscribers that the safest and the most convenient manner of paying a subscription is by means of a bank. Many subscribers have adopted this method, recommended in the *Quarterly Statement* of January last. Among other advantages, this method removes the danger of loss or miscarriage, and saves the Society's office the labour and expense of acknowledgment by official receipt and letter.

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

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It has been asked whether, since the Survey is finished, the *Quarterly Statement* will be discontinued. The Survey, as stated above, will be actually completed when it is entirely published, and not before. But its completion does not mean the completion of the work of the Society, as reference to the original

prospectus will show. And there is, more than ever, need of a periodical devoted to the special line of research which is the *raison d'être* of this *Quarterly Statement*. It will therefore be continued as long as the Society exists and there is work of the kind which it represents to be done and reported.

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Several cases have been at various times discovered of postage stamps being lost on their way to the office. The only way to avoid such loss, unless subscriptions are paid through the bank, is to send money by P.O.O. or by cheque, in every case payable to the order of *Walter Besant, Esq.*, and crossed to *Coutts and Co., or the Union Bank, Charing Cross Branch*.

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The ninth thousand of "Our Work in Palestine" is now ready (price 3s. 6d.), and may be ordered of booksellers. This book carries the work down to the commencement of the Survey, but does not embrace M. Ganneau's discoveries nor the results of the Survey itself.

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The following are at present Representatives and Lecturers of the Society, in addition to the local Hon. Secs. :—

Archdeaconry of Hereford : Rev. J. S. Stooke-Vaughan, Wellington Heath Vicarage, Ledbury.

City and neighbourhood of Manchester : Rev. W. F. Birch, St. Saviour's Rectory.

Lancashire : Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Vicarage, Lancaster.

London : Rev. Henry Geary, 16, Somerset Street, Portman Square.

Norwich : Rev. W. F. Creeny.

Suffolk : Rev. F. C. Long, Stow-upland, Stowmarket.

Peterborough : Rev. A. J. Foster, Farndish Rectory, Wellingborough.

Worcester : Rev. F. W. Holland, Evesham (Member of General and Executive Committee, and one of the Hon. Secretaries to the Fund).

Diocese of Ripon : Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Vicarage.

North Wales : Rev. John Jones, Treborth, Bangor.

Yorkshire, Durham, and the North : Rev. James King, St. Mary's Vicarage, Berwick. Mr. King has recently returned from the Holy Land ; communications for lectures, &c., can be sent to the Office at Charing Cross.

SCOTLAND.—Rev. R. J. Craig, Dalgetty, Burntisland.

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While desiring to give every publicity to proposed identifications and other theories advanced by officers of the Fund and contributors to the pages of the *Quarterly Statement*, the Committee beg it to be distinctly understood that they leave such proposals to be discussed on their own merits, and that by publishing them in the *Quarterly Statement* the Committee do not sanction or adopt them.

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Annual subscribers are earnestly requested to forward their subscriptions for the current year when due, at their *earliest convenience*, and without waiting for application.

The Committee are always glad to receive old numbers of the *Quarterly Statement*, especially those which have been advertised as out of print.

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Attention is called to the statement already advertised, that subscribers to the Fund are privileged by the publishers to receive the "Recovery of Jerusalem," "Tent Work in Palestine," the "Literary Remains of the late Mr. C. F. Tyrwhitt Drake," and the "Underground Jerusalem" of Captain Warren, at reduced rates. But letters asking for them must be sent to the office at 11 and 12, Charing Cross only.

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Cases for binding the *Quarterly Statement* are now ready, and can be had on application to Messrs. R. Bentley and Son, 8, New Burlington Street. They are in green or brown cloth, with the stamp of the Society, uniform in appearance with "Our Work in Palestine," and are sold at the price of eighteenpence.

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Lieut. Kitchener's Guinea Book of Biblical Photographs can be bought at Mr. Stanford's establishment, 55, Charing Cross. It contains twelve views, with a short account of each. They are mounted on tinted boards, and handsomely bound.

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### MEETING IN SYDNEY.

THE following is a report taken from the *Sydney Morning Herald* of a meeting held on April 1st in that city. The immediate result was the accession of some thirty or forty new subscribers to the Society:—

"A meeting of those interested in the exploration of Palestine, and its results, was held April 1st in the drawing-room of the Young Men's Christian Institution, Pitt Street. About forty ladies and gentlemen attended, and the Bishop of Sydney occupied the chair. The proceedings were commenced by prayer, offered by the Rev. Mr. Burdett.

"The Bishop said that when he was asked by Dr. Steel to preside at the meeting his recollections of the visit he had recently paid to Syria and Palestine made him very desirous to assist in any way the Palestine Exploration Fund, and he at once consented. Of the work for which the Fund was instituted he only knew that portion carried on at Jerusalem, where deeply interesting results had already been obtained. The excavations there were confined principally to the neighbourhood of the Haram Area. When approaching Jerusalem from the north, which is the best mode of coming in view of the Holy City, travellers are struck with the vast number of buildings on the site of the temple destroyed by Titus. Again, on another space, surrounded by a lofty wall, stands the palace of the Patriarch of the Greek Church, and indeed the whole area