

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND

NOTES AND NEWS.

WE have great pleasure in publishing in this number of the *Quarterly Statement* the Report, prepared by Captain Conder, of the Princes' visit to the Holy Land, for the Prince of Wales. It has been very kindly presented to the Committee for publication by His Royal Highness. It contains, first, the Report of the visit to Hebron, with a plan drawn by Captain Conder, from measurements taken by Sir Charles Wilson and himself, of the Mosque of Hebron, which differs in many important details from any previously published plans. The second part of the Report contains an account of the journey through the Holy Land, in which the Princes were accompanied by Captain Conder, whose knowledge of the country was placed at their service.

As might have been expected, the outbreak of hostilities in Egypt has deprived the Committee, for a time, of their officers. Captain Conder has been ordered to join the Staff of Sir Garnet Wolseley. Lieutenant Mantell is with his company. Before starting, Captain Conder was fortunately able to finish the revision of his proofs of the third volume of the "Memoirs of the Survey of Western Palestine," but all thought of publishing the results of the Eastern work must be abandoned until his return.

Besides these officers, Sir Charles Wilson is at Cairo, Colonel Warren at Suez, and Professor Palmer, who had accepted the office of Chief Interpreter, has been made prisoner by the Bedouin and carried up the country.

We have to regret the loss by death of one of the original members of the Society, namely, Professor Pusey, who never ceased to take the deepest interest in the work, and to support it by donations as well as by personal influence.

The following have joined the General Committee:—

BISHOP OF TRURO.

Rev. Dr. LÖWY.

Colonel LOCOCK, R.E.

Rev. W. J. STRACEY.

Major GROVER, R.E., has been appointed to a post in Portsmouth Dockyard, and has therefore resigned his membership of the Executive Committee.

The Committee have resolved to continue their efforts to maintain the general interest in this work, and hope that support will be continued, and funds accumulated, so as to render the resumption of work easy as soon as an opportunity is found, and the state of public feeling in the East allows. Meantime the *Quarterly Statement* will be continued.

The third volume of the "Memoirs of the Survey of Western Palestine" will be ready in November. Canon Tristram's work on the "Flora and Fauna" is approaching completion. The volume on Jerusalem will not be kept waiting for Colonel Warren, who has given the Secretary his notes to accompany and explain the plates.

The Old and New Testament Maps, reduced, will be ready about the middle of November. They will be issued to subscribers the same price as the modern reduced map.

There are a few copies of the "Survey" left, which the Committee are very desirous of placing in public libraries. They would be very much obliged if readers of the *Quarterly Statement* would send them names of libraries and librarians. A circular has been prepared giving full particulars of the work and its cost, which can be forwarded to any one on application.

Mr. Saunders's beautiful sections of the country, viz.: one from north to south, and four from east to west, have been laid down on two sheets, so that they can be had separately if desired. They are also laid down on his "Water-Basin" Map. The price of the sheets is 1s. 6d. each. The Jerusalem sheet of the great Map can also be had separately, at half-a-crown.

The income of the Society from all sources, from July 1st to September 19th, 1882, was £482 12s. 6d.

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