

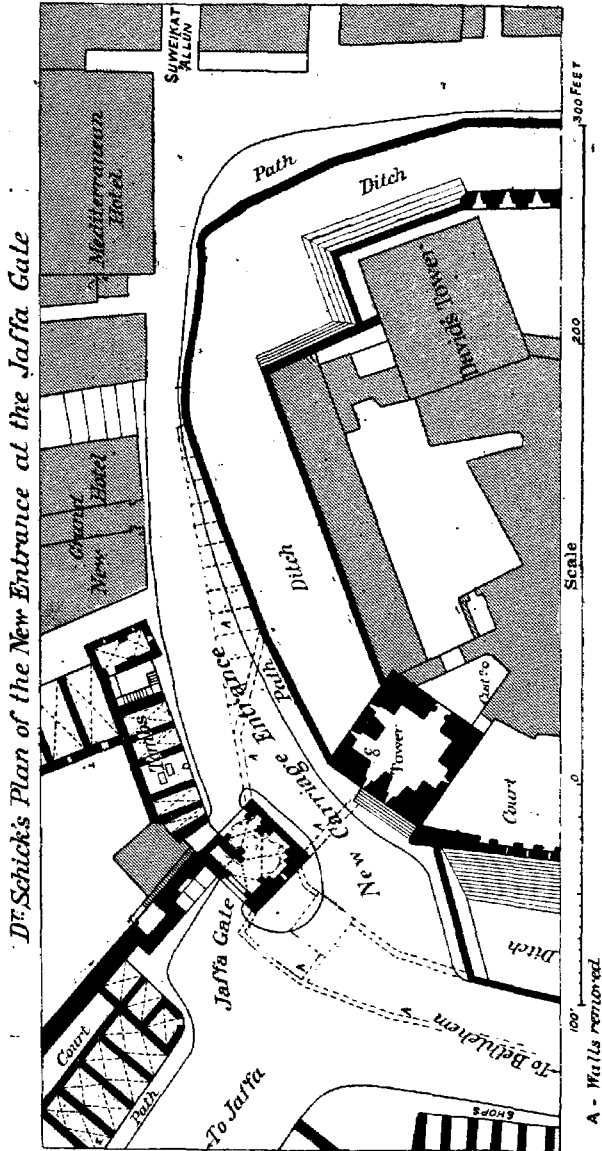
THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

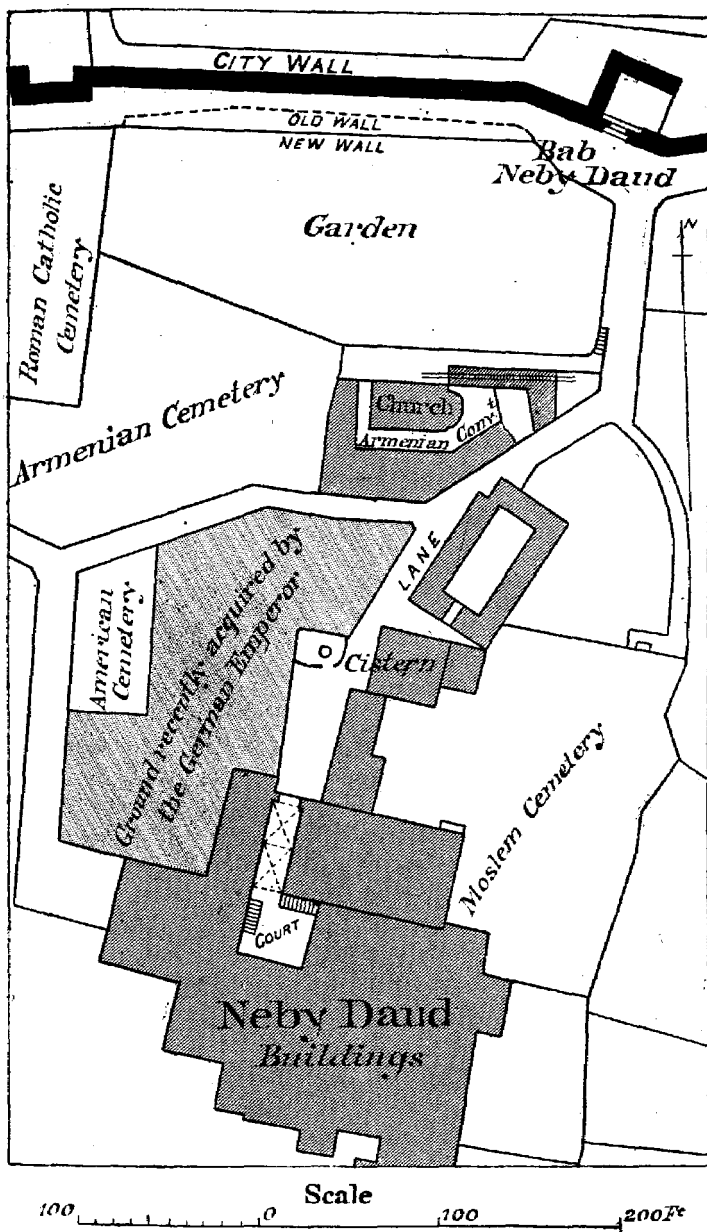
THE Firman for prosecuting further excavations in Palestine having been received, Dr. Bliss and Mr. Macalister proceeded at once to Tell Zakariya and commenced work there on 27th October. Their first reports will be found in the present number.

We deeply regret to record the death, on Saturday, 10th December last, of Professor T. Hayter Lewis, who had been a member of the Executive Committee of the Fund since 1879, although for the last few years he was seldom able to attend the meetings owing to ill health. Mr. Lewis was born in London, and spent the greater part of his life in the metropolis. He was articled to an architect in Sackville Street, studied at the Royal Academy, where he took a silver medal for architectural drawing, and subsequently entered the office of Sir William Tite, who built the Royal Exchange. In 1860 he was appointed Honorary Secretary to the Institute of Architects, in 1865 was elected Professor of Architecture at University College, and in 1871 was chosen Dean of the Faculty of Arts. Subsequently he travelled much on the Continent and made two journeys to the Holy Land. Besides much other literary work, Professor Lewis contributed several valuable papers to the *Quarterly Statement* of the Fund, annotated the Palestine Pilgrims' Text Society's translation of Eusebius's "Churches of Constantine at Jerusalem," and "The Buildings of Justinian," by Procopius, and published his well-known work on the "Holy Places of Jerusalem." His great architectural knowledge and his never-failing courtesy and kindness

of nature had gained for him the esteem of a wide circle of friends.



We are enabled to give in this number of the *Statement* Dr. Schick's plan of the alterations at the Jaffa Gate, which were



PLAN SHOWING GROUND RECENTLY ACQUIRED BY THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

made on the occasion of the German Emperor's visit. The top of the wall which connected the gate with the castle, and some modern walls, were removed and the ditch partially filled up so as to enable His Imperial Majesty to drive or ride conveniently into the city. Also we reproduce a plan which Dr. Schick has furnished of the piece of ground, near Neby Daüd, which has passed into possession of the Emperor. With reference to the latter, Dr. Schick writes:—"On a certain day, I think it was the 1st of November, the Emperor and his suite and several high Turkish officials from Constantinople went there, and the ground was in regular form given over to the Emperor. The German eagle was put on two poles with a cross-piece, and a watch of two soldiers set there. All took place without any interruption or difficulty. The situation of the ground, as shown on the plan, is close to the wall of Neby Daüd. Whether the cistern is included I do not know. The place will remain German property under the protection of the Emperor, who has handed it over, for use and building upon it, to the German Roman Catholics established in Jerusalem. It contains about 1,500 square yards, and most probably when the rubbish is removed the foundations of the ancient Zion Church will be found, as in the American burial ground adjoining it (which was last year purchased by the Roman Catholics at a rather high price) a strong corner of a large ancient building was found some years ago when excavations were made. As the east end of the adjacent buildings belonging to the Armenians was fallen down they had to build it up again, and in so doing enlarged the place. In digging the foundations they discovered an important underground channel. But as they would not allow me to go into it I cannot tell more about it. The workmen said a man may walk in it. Recently this convent was obliged to take down the northern boundary wall of its ground and to build it up in a straight line (as shown on the plan), so the road along the outside of the city wall there is now wide enough for carriages to pass."

Professor Clermont-Ganneau has courteously placed at the disposal of the Fund a copy of his paper on the inscription recently discovered by Père Lagrange at Gezer, which was read before the Académie des Inscriptions on 28th October last. A translation of this paper, with illustrations, will be published in the *Quarterly Statement* for April next. This inscription, like those previously discovered, is in Greek and Hebrew—

'Αλλοιον, גור תחם—and goes to support M. Ganneau's view that these inscriptions served to mark the boundary of the old priestly city.

We have received from the pen of Mr. Philip Baldensperger an essay on "Woman in Palestine," which will be published shortly. Colonel Conder, to whom it was referred by its author's desire, thus writes of it:—"Mr. Baldensperger's MS. is a very valuable description of the natives of Palestine. It contains many things new to me, and hardly anything that my experience does not agree with. It is, moreover, thoroughly sympathetic, and represents the peculiar humour of the people very well. . . . The song of the Egyptian soldier is worthy of Rudyard Kipling."

Owing to pressure on our space the publication of the Rev. John Zeller's paper on "The Bedawîn" is postponed until April.

Legacies to the work of the Fund :—

At the end of 1897 the Treasurer received from Messrs. Hunt, Curry, Nicholson, and Co., of Lewes, a cheque for £1,000, being a legacy under the will of the late Mr. Edward Cooper, of 6, Roland Gardens, London.

In August last a legacy of £100 was received under the will of the late Henry Smiles, Esq., per Messrs. Tatham and Procter, of 36, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Notice has been received from our Honorary General Secretary for America, Professor Theodore F. Wright, Cambridge, U.S.A., that under the will of the late Rev. Walter G. Webster, a sum of 1,000 dollars is bequeathed to the Fund. Mr. Webster was one of the victims on board the ill-fated French steamer, "La Bourgogne," which was sunk in a collision with the British ship "Cromartyshire," on July 4th last.

The Committee are glad to say that they have received the remainder of the MS. of Professor Ganneau's "Archæological Researches in Jerusalem and its Neighbourhood." The MS. is now being translated, and will be in the press shortly.

Dr. Bliss's detailed account of his three years' work at Jerusalem is now ready. It is published as a separate volume

with the title "Excavations at Jerusalem, 1894-1897," and is copiously illustrated with maps and plans. Price to subscribers to the work of the Fund, 8s. 6d., post free.

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 Rev. Professor Theo. F. Wright, Honorary General Secretary to the Fund, 42, Quincy Street, Cambridge, Mass.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF MAPS.—The Committee are pleased to announce that a reduction has been made in the price of the Old and New Testament Maps.

The 12-sheet Old and New Testament Map, hitherto supplied at 12s. 6d., can now be had for 10s. 6d. (unmounted) by subscribers to the work of the Fund.

The 20-sheet Old and New Testament Map, hitherto supplied at 23s., can now be had for 17s. 6d. (unmounted) by subscribers to the work of the Fund.

The Museum at the office of the Fund in the new premises at 38, Conduit Street (a few doors from Bond Street), is open to visitors every week-day from 10 o'clock till 5, except Saturdays, when it is closed at 2 p.m.

The income of the Society, from September 23rd to December 22nd, 1898, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Local Societies, £645 10s. 0d.; from Lectures, £4 7s. 6d.; from sales of publications, &c., £240 19s. 4d.; total, £890 16s. 10d. The expenditure during the same period was £935 8s. 8d. On December 22nd the balance in the Bank was £683 4s. 4d.

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.

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 £10 10s. A catalogue describing the contents of each volume can be had on application to the Secretary, 38, Conduit Street.

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.

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 :—

“Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique” (ΔΕΛΤΙΟΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗΣ ΑΛΛΗΛΟΓΡΑΦΙΑΣ), i-x. Vingt-deuxième année, Janvier—Octobre, 1898.

“Sites and Scenes.” A description of missions to Jews in Eastern lands. By Rev. W. T. Gidney, M.A. From the Author.

“Magic, Divination, and Demonology among the Hebrews and their Neighbours, including an Examination of Biblical References and of the Biblical Terms.” By T. Witton Davies, B.A., Professor of Old Testament Literature, Baptist College, and Lecturer in Semitic languages, University College, Bangor. From the Author.

“Sites and Scenes,” Part II, by the Rev. W. T. Gidney, contains a very interesting sketch of the history and present condition of Jerusalem and the other holy cities of the Jews in Palestine. In reference to the work of the Palestine Exploration Fund, its author writes :—“Without doubt these researches have thrown a flood of light upon almost every topic of inquiry, and awakened throughout Christendom a vast amount of interest in the land. The Fund consequently deserves the most hearty and thorough support.”

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.

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 Acting 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, 38, Conduit Street, 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) *Archaeological 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., F.S.A., F.R.G.S., 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.*