

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

REMOVAL OF THE SOCIETY'S OFFICES.

Subscribers and others are reminded that the Offices of the Palestine Exploration Fund have been established in their new freehold premises, No. 2, **HINDE STREET, MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.**, and all letters should now be so addressed. **Hinde Street** leads from the east side of **Manchester Square**, and **No. 2** is next door to **Mandeville Place**, and on the south side of the street.

The Office and Museum are on the ground floor.

Dr. Duncan Mackenzie returned to England at the close of the past year to prepare for publication his detailed reports on the excavations and other expeditions. He is proceeding to Palestine towards the end of March in order to re-open the work at 'Ain Shems early in April, and to continue his excavations for three months. He will travel by way of Constantinople with the object of conferring with the authorities there on matters affecting his work. In consequence of the outbreak of fever among the workpeople in August last year, it is not proposed to continue working at 'Ain Shems this year beyond July.

Dr. Masterman writes that on his visit to the Dead Sea last November, he observed that the sun-dried bricks of the ancient ruins of Jericho, exposed by the excavations of Dr. Sellin, were rapidly undergoing disintegration owing to the effects of the weather.

The level of the Dead Sea at "Observation Rock" was two feet below that marked in the spring. On visiting Kh. el-Yehūd, he found that some of the graves showed signs of having been recently disturbed, probably by "treasure hunters."

Archdeacon Dowling, who contributes notes on coins of Gaza in this issue, has in the press a book entitled *Sketches of Caesarea (Palaestina): Biblical, Mediaeval, Modern. From earliest Caesar to latest Sultan.*

The Index to the *Quarterly Statements* previously published included the years from 1869 to 1892, and the need for its continuation to a more recent date has been greatly felt. Some of the most important of the discoveries and work of the Palestine Exploration Fund belong to later years. Such are the excavations of sites on and around Ophel, by Messrs. Bliss and Dickie, in the Shephelah, by Messrs. Bliss and Macalister, and the great work at Gezer, by Prof. Stewart Macalister, besides many valuable papers and discussions on the sites in Jerusalem and elsewhere. During the year just passed, the Committee decided to supplement the old Index by one which should include the completion of the work at Gezer, that is to say, from 1893 to 1910. The laborious task was undertaken by Mr. Dickie, whose familiarity with the matter dealt with, and conscientious exactitude, have now enabled the Committee to publish it with confidence. Price in cloth, 5s. ; unbound, 3s. 6d.

Plaster casts of the raised contour map of Jerusalem have been prepared and can now be had on application. The horizontal scale of the map is $\frac{1}{25000}$ and the total dimensions are 5 feet \times 4 feet 3 inches. The remains of the city walls and streets discovered on the Eastern and Western Hills are indicated in red lines. This map will be a most valuable help to the study of Jerusalem topography. Price £3 3s. Case and packing extra.

A new and improved edition of the large photo relief map of Palestine (5 miles = 1 inch) is now ready. Price 6s. 9d. unmounted. Mounted on cloth, roller, and varnished, 10s. 6d. Size, mounted, 30 inches by 52 inches.

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.

The income of the Society from December 15th, 1911, to March 18th, 1912, was—from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, including Local Societies, £630 18s. 7d.; from Lectures, £42 4s. 0d.; second instalment of legacy bequeathed by the late Miss Mary P. Ropes, £205 2s. 7d.; from sales of publications, £39 0s. 1d.; making in all £917 5s. 3d. The expenditure during the same period was £800 2s. 2d. On March 18th, the balance in the bank was £663 13s. 9d.

Subscribers who have not yet paid will greatly facilitate the Committee's efforts by sending in their subscriptions early in the year, and thus save the expense of sending out reminders.

Subscribers to the Fund are reminded that, whilst the receipt of every subscription and contribution is promptly acknowledged by the Assistant Secretary, they are now published annually. A complete List of Subscribers and Subscriptions for 1911 is given in the Annual Report published with this number.

The Committee will be glad to communicate with ladies and gentlemen willing to help the Fund as Honorary Secretaries.

Golgotha and the Holy Sepulchre, the last work of the late Major-General Sir Charles Wilson, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., etc. In this work the late Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund has brought together for the first time all the evidence which the most exhaustive research enabled him to collect bearing on the subject of these Holy Sites; and probably no man living had at once so intimate a knowledge of all investigations in the modern Jerusalem and so complete an acquaintance with what has been written about the Sites from the time of Constantine onwards. The price of the work (demy 8vo) is 6s.

The attention of subscribers and others is called to *A Table of the Christian and Mohammedan Eras*, from July 15th, A.D. 622, the date of the Hejira, to A.D. 1900, by Rev. J. E. Hanauer, price 6d. Also to the *Meteorological Observations at Jerusalem*, with tables and diagrams by Mr. James Glaisher, F.R.S. Tourists and all desirous of accurate information about the climate of Jerusalem should send for a copy, price 2s. 6d.

The Arabic astrological treatise by a Jerusalem Christian native, translated and annotated by Miss Gladys Dickson, and first published in the *Quarterly Statement*, 1908-9, can now be obtained in pamphlet form (price 1s. post free).

A reprint of *Names and Places in the Old and New Testaments*, by Mr. George Armstrong, is now ready, price 6s. The book has been out of print for some years, but has been frequently enquired for.

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.

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, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W.

Photographs of the late Dr. Schick's models (1) of the Temple of Solomon, (2) of the Herodian Temple, (3) of the Haram Area and Justinian's Church, and (4) of the Haram Area as it is at present, have been received at the office of the Fund. The four photographs, with an explanation by Dr. Schick, can be purchased by applying to the Secretary, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W.

The Museum at the office of the Fund, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W., is open to visitors every week-day from 10 o'clock till 5, except Saturdays, when it is closed at 1 p.m.

The Museum and Library of the Palestine Exploration Fund at Jerusalem are in the Bishop's Buildings, near the Tombs of the Kings,

where the use of a room has been kindly permitted by the Rev. Dr. Blyth, Bishop in Jerusalem and the East. The Museum is open daily, except Sundays, and the Honorary General Secretary for Palestine, Dr. E. W. G. Masterman, will give all information necessary.

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 the Rev. Prof. Lewis B. Paton, Ph.D., Honorary General Secretary to the Fund, 50, Forest Street, Hartford, Conn.

The Committee have to acknowledge with thanks, among other journals and books, the following :—

The Story of Jerusalem. By Col. Sir C. M. Watson, K.C.M.G., C.B., etc.; illustrated by Geneviève Watson. (Dent and Sons. 4s. 6d. net.)

Men and Measures; A History of Weights and Measures, Ancient and Modern. By Lieut.-Col. E. Nicholson, A.M.D., F.I.C. (Smith, Elder and Co. 7s. 6d.)

Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, Vol. XXXIV, Part 1. The Canaanite Alphabet, by Prof. E. Naville; the Aramaic Ostrakon from Elephantinê and the Festival of Passover, by S. Daiches, Ph.D., etc.

The Irish Theological Quarterly, January, 1912. The New Aramaic Papyri from Elephantinê, by Rev. P. Boylan.

Records of the Past, November, December, 1911. Some examples of the Hunchbacked Ox in Syrian Art, by P. S. Ronzevalle, S.J.

The Biblical World, December, 1911. A Lost Jewish Sect, by Prof. J. A. Montgomery.

American Journal of Archaeology, Vol. XV, No. 4. Latin and Greek Inscriptions from el-Tekkîyeh near Damascus, by Prof. C. R. Brown.

Bulletin of the Archaeological Institute of America, September, 1911.

École Française d'Athènes: Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique, May-December, 1911.

Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins, XXXV, I, 1912. The Jerusalem of "Burchard vom Berge Sion," by Pastor E. Rotermond; the Millo, by Dr. Caspari; on the Topography of Ancient Palestine (Platanus, Capernaum, Kh. Umm el-'Âmûd, Gergesa), by Dr. S. Klein; the name of Lake Tiberias, by Prof. Nestle, etc.

Mittheilungen und Nachrichten of the preceding; 1911, No. 6. Prof. Guthe on the sites of Arus and Asan, etc.

Atti della R. Accademia dei Lincei; 1911, fasc. 5 and 6. P. 240 *seq.* give a Phœnician Inscription from Sardinia.

See further below pp. 100 *sqq.*

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.

For list of authorised lecturers and their subjects, see end of the Journal, or write to the Secretary.

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.

I give to the Palestine Exploration Fund, London, the sum of _____ to be applied towards the General Work of the Fund; and I direct that the said sum be paid, free of Legacy Duty, and that the Receipt of the Treasurer of the Palestine Exploration Fund shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

NOTE.—*Three Witnesses are necessary to a Will by the Law of the United States of America, and Two by the Law of the United Kingdom.*
