

THE  
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Forty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund was held on Friday, 6th June, at the Rooms of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., Sir Frederic Kenyon, K.C.B., in the Chair. Sir Charles Watson described to a large and interested audience the Fund's excavations at Beth-Shemesh, accompanying his remarks with illustrations which will appear in a more permanent form in the Annual Volume, to which reference is made in the next note. Sir Charles Watson sketched the main results of the excavations, their historical and archaeological importance, and he concluded with an appeal for a British School of Archaeology in order to organize and direct the work of students of the Bible in Palestine. Sir Frederic Kenyon, Principal Librarian of the British Museum, gave a most informing and sympathetic address, pointing out the value of the several archaeological investigations for the general progress of research. He also suggested the desirability of a Central Society to co-ordinate the work of the various different Societies, and to subsidize, now one Society, and now another. Whether this ideal would maintain the personal interest which the subscriber feels in his own particular Society is of course disputed. A full report of the Annual Meeting is printed in this issue.

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*The Annual.*—The first part of the "Beth-Shemesh" Report having appeared in Vol. I of the Annual (1911), and the excavation of the site being now concluded, the Committee feel that it is

inexpedient to carry it into a third volume. At the same time the material, and especially the illustrations, much exceed what can be issued gratuitously to subscribers in one year. It is, therefore, decided to issue the whole as a double volume for the two years 1912, 1913. The price to non-subscribers for the double volume will be 32s. 6d.

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*Damascus Cemetery.*—Our esteemed correspondent, the Rev. J. E. Hanauer, draws our attention to an appeal on behalf of the Protestant Cemetery at Damascus. The local municipality has granted a much-needed extension of space, and subscriptions are asked in order to defray the cost of enclosing the new plot with a substantial wall and joining it on to the other portion. Subscriptions may be sent to the Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. W. J. McFarland, of Damascus. Among the other members of the Committee are H.B.M. Consul, G. P. Devey, Esq., Dr. Mackinnon, of the Victoria Hospital, and the Rev. J. E. Hanauer.

It may be added that the cemetery is intended for the interment of all Protestants irrespective of nationality or denomination, who may happen to die at Damascus, or in its neighbourhood. "Besides containing the graves of the Syrian Protestant community, several British, American, German, Austrian, Danish and other strangers have found a last resting place here. In it may be seen the plain monument over the tomb of Dr. William Arnold Bromfield, an accomplished scholar and kind-hearted Christian. Here, too, lie the remains of the well-known historian and celebrated chess-player, H. T. Buckle, author of *The History of Civilization in England*, which is considered by many as one of the purest specimens of English literature. Several other persons of note, such as Lady Digby, Rev. George Buick, D.D., an Ex-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and a famous Irish Archaeologist, as well as poet; Theodore Irrsich, agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who laboured for many years in Egypt, Syria, and Persia, a great linguist, being acquainted with about twenty dialects or languages, have also been laid to rest here."

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*The Patriarchate of Jerusalem.*—The Bishop of Chichester has written an introduction to Archdeacon Dowling's third edition of his enlarged and revised *Orthodox Greek Patriarchate of Jerusalem*.

It is published, with 18 illustrations, by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. In Appendix III there is a valuable "Notitia of the Ancient Sees within the Patriarchate of Jerusalem." Two distinguished Archaeologists in the Holy City have carefully revised 37 Arabic names in *Palestina Prima*, 20 in *Palestina Secunda*, 19 in *Palestina Tertia*, and 23 in *Palestina Quarta*. Among the 103 Ancient Palestinian Sees inserted there are still 7 doubtful modern names, and 4 of which there is no trace. Appendix I contains some lengthy notes on the Ancient Liturgy of the Church of Jerusalem, popularly attributed to St. James. American subscribers to the *Quarterly Statement* can obtain copies of the Archdeacon's new book from Mr. Edwin S. Gorham, 37, East 28th Street, New York. At the request of the Patriarch of Jerusalem a Greek edition of this publication will be printed at the Patriarchal Press.

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Dr. P. Thomsen, Kgelgenstr. 11, II; Dresden-Altstadt, 19; is the editor of a complete Bibliography of Palestinian Literature. He hopes that all writers and publishers will be good enough to send him copies of their works so that he can make a correct list of them. His bibliographical labours are supported by the German Society for the Exploration of Palestine, and two volumes have already appeared. The third volume (for 1910-1914) is expected to appear in 1915. It will doubtless be as complete and reliable as its predecessors have proved to be, for this great bibliography is indispensable to all those who are interested in Palestinian studies. The attention of English and American writers is especially called to this request.

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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 1911, 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. (now Prof.) 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.

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

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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  $\frac{1}{26000}$  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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 1912 is given in the Annual Report published with the April number.

*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., by post 6s. 4d.

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A reprint of *Names and Places in the Old and New Testaments*, by the late Mr. George Armstrong, is now on sale, price 6s. The book was out of print for some years.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

*Society of Biblical Archaeology*, Vol. XXXV, Part 2. Yuia the Syrian, by H. R. Hall ; etc.

*Asiatic Quarterly Review*, April, 1913.

*Studies : An Irish Quarterly Review of Letters, Philosophy, and Science*, March, 1913.

*American Journal of Archaeology*, January–March, 1913.

*The Biblical World*, January–June, 1913.

*Records of the Past*, January–February, 1913.

*The American Antiquarian*, January–April, 1913.

*The Jewish Quarterly Review*. Published by the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, Philadelphia, July, 1910, to April, 1913.

*Revue Biblique* : April, 1913, Explanation of the valley of the Jordan, by R. P. Abel ; the grotto of the nativity, on a tablet of 1519, by W. van Koeverden ; a tomb and Jewish ossuaries recently discovered, by R. P. Abel.

*Echos d'Orient*, March–April, 1913.

*Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique*, May–December, 1912.

*Sphinx*, April, 1913.

*Journal Asiatique*, May–June, 1912.

NEA ΣΙΩΝ. November–December, 1912, January–February, and March–April, 1913.

ХРИСТИАНСКИЙ ВОСТОКЪ, Vol. I, 1-3, 1912.

*Al-Mashrik: Revue Catholique Orientale Mensuelle*, 1913, Parts 1-5,  
March: The sacred fire at the St. Sepulchre, by P. L. Cheikho;  
from Beirut to India in search of MSS., by the same; etc., etc.

See also p. 153.

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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.

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The Committee desire specially to thank the undermentioned for the following contributions to the Library:—

From Mrs. Ross Scott:—

*Jerusalem, the City of Herod and Saladin*, by Walter Besant and E. H. Palmer.

*Journal of a Visit to the Nile and Holy Land in 1847-48*, by W. H. Adams Hyett.

*The Land of Goshen and the Exodus*, by Sir H. Brown, K.C.M.G.

*The Fayûm and Lake Moeris*, by Major R. H. Brown, R.E.

*Landscapes of the Bible and their Story*, published by Eyre and Spottiswoode, with an introduction by H. B. Tristram, D.D., LL.D., F.R.S.

From Rev. A. Carr, M.A.:—

*Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools and Colleges, St. Matthew*, by Rev. A. Carr, M.A.

From J. M. Tenz, Esq.:—

*Jerusalem, Ancient and Modern, and Solomon's and the Glorious Second Temple*, by J. M. Tenz.

From the Directors of the Imperial Ottoman Museum, Constantinople:—

*Catalogue des Sculptures Grecques, Romaines, et Byzantines*, Tome Premier, par Gustave Mendel, Conservateur des Musées Impériaux.

From Monsieur K. Gruenblatt:—

*Essai sur le Soufre de la Palestine*, Memoire présenté à la Faculté des Sciences de Paris pour l'obtention du Diplôme d'Études Supérieures, par K. Gruenblatt.

The Committee have also to thank Mr. Herbert Clark, of Jerusalem, for a valuable Collection of Flints, which he has kindly presented to the Museum of the Fund.

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

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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.

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#### FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

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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.*

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