

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Committee have to announce that during the winter months the survey of the country lying between the south end of the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean and southward to Kadesh Barnea will be carried out. This tract of desert land has hitherto remained for long unvisited, but is believed to have been formerly inhabited, and to contain some interesting remains of occupation, having been in ancient times the highway from Palestine to Egypt.

As in their great Palestine Survey, the Committee are promised the assistance of officers of the Royal Engineers, and it is their intention that the party shall be accompanied by an archaeologist who can appreciate and record whatever may be found bearing on the history of the country.

The permission of the Imperial Government of Turkey has been obtained for this work. The execution of this survey will complete the map up to the frontier of Egypt.

The Committee hope for additional financial help towards this important undertaking.

For a further account of the proposed survey, the attention of readers may be directed to the article by Sir Charles Watson in this issue; below, pp. 18 *sqq.*

The Annual of the *P.E.F.* for 1912-1913 is now published. It is a double number, containing a description of the excavations at 'Ain Shems from April to July, 1912, and in December of the same year, together with a full account of the very interesting tombs and their contents. There are sixty-two plates, including beautiful coloured plates of a fine painted "Philistine" vase, and eleven illustrations in the text. Dr. Duncan Mackenzie gives an illuminating and instructive account in the discoveries made by the

party, and explains, in an interesting manner, the archaeological and other features. Especially noteworthy are his views of the significance of the evidence for the history of Semitic archaeology in general, and of the Biblical history of Beth-Shemesh in particular. This double volume may be had on application to the Office; the price is 31s. 6d., except for all subscribers of 21s. and upwards.

The Fund has just published General Sir Charles Warren's work, entitled *The Early Weights and Measures of Mankind*. It is an exhaustive investigation of a very difficult problem, and is the outcome of many years' labour. The book contains full tables and explanations, and a careful presentation of all the evidence upon which Sir Charles Warren bases his many important and interesting conclusions. We hope to print a review of this book in an early issue.

We have received the first part of a new quarterly journal devoted to Egyptological studies. *Ancient Egypt* is published under the editorship of Prof. Flinders Petrie, assisted by Prof. Ernest Gardner and Dr. Alan Gardiner, in connection with the British School of Archaeology in Egypt, University College, London (Macmillan and Co., 7s. per annum). The present number contains some splendid illustrations (with a fine coloured representation of jewellery of the XIIth and XVIIIth dynasties), and numerous articles and notes; especially interesting is a reprint of Prof. Petrie's recent lecture on "Egyptian Beliefs in a Future Life." Among the contributors are the well-known Egyptologists, Prof. P. E. Newberry and Prof. Freiherr von Bissing. The next number will contain papers by Dr. Spiegelberg, Dr. Capart, Dr. Alan Gardiner and other authorities. We welcome this new indication of the increasing interest taken in Oriental studies, and wish the journal success.

Dr. Peter Thomsen, well known for his bibliography of Palestinian literature, has published an admirable *Kompendium der Palästinischen Altertumskunde* (Mohr, Tübingen, 1913; price 4 m. 80, bound). It contains a complete but concise introduction to Palestine archaeology and antiquities, with very full references to the literature on each subject, and with forty-two plates. There is nothing like it at present, and both students and ordinary readers will be glad to know of this very handy book. We hope to refer to it

more fully in the next issue. It may be added that Dr. Thomsen's bibliographical labours are supported by the German Society for the Exploration of Palestine, and two volumes of his Bibliography of Palestinian literature 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 work is indispensable to all those who are interested in Palestinian studies. Dr. Thomsen 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 address is Kügelgenstr. 11, II; Dresden-Altstadt, 19. The attention of English and American writers is especially called to this request.

Owing to want of space, we are compelled to hold over several articles, among them a translation (edited by Dr. Masterman) of an interesting account of the visit of a Rabbi to Palestine in 1759-62.

We understand that Archdeacon Dowling's three articles, which appeared in the April and July issues, have been translated into Russian by Mr. S. Zverinsky, Professor of History at the (Russian) Bethany Theological Seminary. Those who have followed Archdeacon Dowling's articles will be glad to know that he is engaged in extending and completing his researches.

We have received from the Rev. W. S. Caldecott some copies, for sale, of a translation of the Middoth, reprinted in pamphlet form from that which appeared in our *Q.S.* (1887, pp. 60-116). The Middoth describes in detail the Temple of the Jews, its enclosures, gates, chambers and dimensions. It is in a handy form for the use of anyone studying the subject of the Temple. These, price 1s., can be obtained at the Office of the Fund.

We have also received from the same author a copy of his book "Herod's Temple," just published by C. H. Kelly, 27, Paternoster Row, 8vo, price 6s. In this volume Mr. Caldecott discusses at length, and in detail, the structure and form of the Jewish Temple of the New Testament in manner similar to his treatment of the Tabernacle and the two earlier Temples in previously published volumes.

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.

The Committee will be glad to communicate with ladies and gentlemen willing to help the Fund as Honorary Secretaries. The Rev. R. F. Bigg-Wither has kindly consented to act for the district of Winchfield, Hants. Prof. Porter of the Syrian Protestant College, Beirut, has consented to act as Honorary Secretary of the P.E.F. in the place of Mr. Freyer who has removed from the district; and at Glasgow Prof. McFadyen, of the United Free Church, takes the place of the Rev. Adam Welch who has resigned the post of Local Honorary Secretary owing to his departure.

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 by 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.

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 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.

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.

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 :—

Ancient Egypt: a quarterly journal, ed. by Prof. Flinders Petrie, F.R.S., F.B.A. Part I (Macmillan), see above, p. 2.

Annual of the British School at Athens, No. XVIII. Session 1911-12.

University of Liverpool; Annals of Archaeology and Anthropology, Vol. VI, Nos. 1-2: The Keftiu-people of the Egyptian Monuments, by G. A. Wainwright; etc.

Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, Vol. XXXV, Part 6: Some Amorite Personal Names in Gen. xiv, by the Rev. W. T. Piltner; etc.

The Expository Times, Aug. and Sept., 1913: Inscribed Hebrew Weights from Palestine, by Prof. A. R. S. Kennedy; Canaan and the Babylonian Civilization, by Prof. Ed. König; etc.

A New Decipherment of the Hittite Hieroglyphs, by R. Campbell Thompson, M.A., F.S.A. (from *Archaeologia*, Vol. LXIV).

The Catholic Students' "Aids" to the Bible: Old Testament, by Dr. Hugh Pope, O.P., S.T.M. (Washbourne, London, 1913.)

The Bible in the Light of Antiquity, by the Rev. W. Cruickshank. (Guild Text-books; Black, London, 1913.)

- The Early Weights and Measures of Mankind*, by General Sir Charles Warren. (Published by the P.E.F.) See above, p. 2.
- The London Quarterly Review*, Oct., 1913.
- Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review of Letters, Philosophy and Science*, Sept., 1913; The prehistory of Islam, by Edmond Power.
- The Irish Theological Quarterly*, Oct., 1913.
- The Asiatic Quarterly Review*, Oct., 1913.
- The American Journal of Philology*, Vol. XXXIV, 3.
- The Biblical World*, Aug.-Nov., 1913.
- Aramaic Incantation Texts from Nippur*, by Prof. J. A. Montgomery (Univ. of Pennsylvania Publications, 1913).
- The American Antiquarian*, Vol. XXXV, 2 and 3.
- The Jewish Quarterly Review*, Vol. IV, No. 2.
- The American Journal of Archaeology*, Vol. XVII, 3.
- The Museum Journal*: Philadelphia, 1913.
- Journal Asiatique*, May-June, 1913: Les Hyksôs et la Restauration nationale dans la tradition Égyptienne et dans l'histoire, Études et notes complémentaires, by R. Weill; etc.
- Bulletin de Correspondence Hellénique*, Jan.-June, 1913.
- Sphinx*, Vol. XVII, fasc. IV and V.
- Revue Biblique*, Oct., 1913: Quelques représentations antiques du Saint-Sépulcre Constantinien, by R. P. Vincent; Une visite à l'île de Graye, by R. P. Savignac; etc.
- Kompendium d. Palästinischen altertumskunde*, by Dr. Peter Thomsen, see above, p. 2.
- Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins*, Vol. XXXVI, Part 3: Materials for the historical topography of Palaestina Tertia, by Dr. R. Hartmann; report upon Greek and Latin epigraphy for the years 1910-12, by Dr. F. Bleckmann; etc.
- Palestijnsche Masseben*, by J. de Groot. (Wolters, Groningen, 1913.)
- NEA ΣΙΩΝ. Aug.-Nov., 1913.
- Echos d'Orient*, July-Nov., 1913.
- Al-Mashriq: Revue Catholique Orientale Mensuelle*; Journey to Tur 'Abdîn, by the Abbé Isaac Armalé; fragment of a Syrian funerary monument, by P. Seb. Ronzevalle; etc.

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.

The Committee will be grateful to any subscribers who may be disposed to present to the Library any of the following books :—

Duc de Luynes, *Voyage à la Mer Morte* (1864) ; published about 1874.

K. von Raumer, *Der Zug der Israeliten*. (Leipzig, 1837.)

L. de Laborde, *Voyage de l'Arabie Pétrée* (1829).

Prof. E. Huntington, *Palestine and its Transformation*. (Constable and Co.)

Libby and Hoskins. *The Jordan Valley and Petra* (2 Vols., 1903).

Père Abel, *Une Croisière autour de la Mer Morte* (1909).

The Committee desire specially to thank Mrs. Ross Scott for the following contributions to the Library :—

Kitto's Daily Bible Illustrations (8 Vols.).

The Banks of the Nile. Painted by Ella du Cane. Text by John A. Todd. Notes on the Plates by Florence du Cane.

The Man of Egypt, by Clayton Sedgwick Cooper, M.A.

An Artist in Egypt, by Walter Tyndale, R.I.

For list of authorized 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.

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