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PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Fifty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund was held in the Library of the Society, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, London, on the afternoon of Friday, May 30th. An account of the Meeting, which was held for business purposes only, is given below (p. 106).

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The series of articles by Dr. E. W. G. Masterman, entitled "Hygiene and Disease in Palestine in Modern and in Biblical Times," is being reprinted, with a Preface by Prof. Alexander Macalister, and will be on sale immediately. These valuable and important articles deserve the careful attention both of students of the Bible and of all who are interested in modern Palestine. The future of Palestine, which we all hope will be happier and brighter than before the War, will so eminently depend upon the good health of its inhabitants, and in particular, of the settlers who have not had time to become acclimatised, that Dr. Masterman's publication is sure to find a warm welcome and supply a want. Fuller particulars can be had on application to the Assistant Secretary at the Offices of the Fund.

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We are glad to be able to report that the post of Honorary General Secretary for Palestine, vacant through the resignation of Dr. Masterman, is now filled, Dr. Percy D'Erf Wheeler, who is

shortly proceeding to Palestine, having kindly agreed to represent the interests of the Society there. Also Miss Frances E. Newton has kindly consented to be the Local Honorary Secretary for Haifa-under-Mount Carmel.

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During the past half year the Syria and Palestine Relief Fund has accomplished a vast amount of valuable work. The distress prevailing among the inhabitants has been appalling, but it has been wisely met by the relief workers as far as human sympathy and the funds at their disposal made it possible. Many thousands have been fed, clothed, and nursed back to life, work has been provided, and hope kindled in the hearts and minds of those who have lost every earthly possession. General Allenby has recognised the good work performed by the fund and the great need which still exists. All those competent to express an opinion unite in saying that the next six months will be the critical time. The fund is expected to come to a close in the autumn, but in the meantime the efforts of its supporters need to be doubled.

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An interesting account of a visit to Damascus is published by Capt. H. W. Evans, O.B.M., in the *Bedford Times* of April 26th.

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An Edinburgh lady gives her experiences of life in Palestine hospitals under Turkish rule in the *Scotsman*, May 10th.

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The University Extension Board of the University of Liverpool organised a course of lectures on Palestine. The lectures (admission to which was free) dealt with the Physical Geography and Space-relations of Palestine (Prof. P. M. Roxby, B.A.); The Original Jewish Settlement and Development of Palestine (the Bishop of Warrington); The Contact of Palestine with the West (Prof. R. C. Bosanquet, M.A.); Islam in Palestine (Mr. H. K. Selim); The Re-Settlement of Palestine by the Jews (Mr. Bertram B. Benas, B.A., LL.B.); The Economic Prospects of Palestine (Prof. P. M. Roxby, B.A.); and The Political Prospects of Palestine (Mr. Bertram B. Benas, B.A., LL.B.). In the first lecture of the series, on May 6th, Prof. Roxby, after making an appreciative reference to the activity and interest manifested by Mr. Bertram B. Benas in promoting the course, briefly explained its aims, character, and plan, which sought

to give the fullest information possible upon the problems that centred around Palestine and its future Jewish national aspirations. Christian sentiments and the economic interests of indigenous Moslem inhabitants presented difficulties, which, however, were not incapable of being harmonised, and the best solution would be one that would satisfy the claims of all who have a worthy interest. These various standpoints would be dealt with in the course from the various respective outlooks, and the course would provide a synthesis of the whole question, full account being taken of Jewish national achievement and hope for the restoration of the Ancient Homeland of Israel. Prof. Roxby proceeded to deal with the limits of Palestine, its geological history, the soil conditions and their relation to the future development of the country, and the records of the climate of Palestine in their bearing upon its national vicissitudes. In the second lecture, on May 6th, the Bishop of Warrington traced the influence of the political development of Palestine on the mind and law of the Hebrews. (From the *Zionist Review*, June, 1919.)

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The Rev. G. Horner kindly draws our attention to the misprint "Eudoxian" for "Eudocian" on p. 58.

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The American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem which has been closed since the end of 1914 on account of the War will re-open under the directorship of Prof. William H. Worrell, of Hartford, Conn. With him will be associated Prof. Albert T. Clay, of Yale University. (*The Homiletic Review*, April, 1919.)

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Dr. Lane-Poole's "Life work of Sir Charles Watson" is reviewed in *The Royal Engineers Journal* (March, 1919), which speaks very appreciatively of the way in which the author has accomplished his task. It says "All Sir Charles Watson's friends, the few survivors of his early days, the many acquaintances of his 'retired' but most active life—all will welcome this book. They will find probably some items new to them, and, throughout, will revive the recollections of a delightful personality. But, to those also who never knew the man, the book will be interesting." After summarising his activities, it says "His work for the Palestine Fund was very good, but in a different line from any of his previous energies." Sir Charles Watson, with his high character and great natural

abilities, had it in him to be a leading Orientalist, or to reach the highest rank in diplomacy. He chose to be a soldier. "Studying the lives of the great men in history and their characteristics," says the review, "we are not to ask why distinguished men did not gain greater distinction than they did. After enquiring into the characteristics of great men, the student will not be too critical, but only too thankful, whenever Providence gives us such a thoroughly lovable, first-class, good all-round man as Watson Pasha."

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In 1876 the Society published a volume of Photographs of Biblical Sites, by Lieut. H. H. Kitchener, R.E., F.R.G.S., containing twelve photographs taken by Lord Kitchener during the time he was at work on the Survey of Western Palestine, together with a short description of each written by himself. Some of the views taken are no longer obtainable, as new buildings have sprung up everywhere, altering or marring old sites. The descriptions, though so short, are charmingly written, and show what a strong feeling Lord Kitchener had for the Holy Land. He took the keenest interest and pleasure in the preparation of this, his only book, as his letters show, though the actual publication of it was left in Sir Walter Besant's hands, as Lord Kitchener returned to Palestine before it was in proof. There are about forty copies of this book still unsold, and these can be had on application to the office of the Society, 2, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W., at the original price of one guinea, postage extra.

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*Fifty Years' Work in the Holy Land: A Record and a Summary, 1865-1915.*—Under this title the late Colonel Sir C. M. Watson, K.C.M.G., etc., gave an entirely new revision of that *résumé* of the work of the Fund which has been issued from time to time in order to furnish readers, and—especially—new subscribers with a synoptical account of the more important aims and achievements. Such accounts have been published in 1870, 1872, 1886, and 1895, so that twenty years have passed since the last revision—years during which most valuable excavations have been undertaken, notably at Gezer. The year 1915 being the Jubilee of the Palestine Exploration Fund a new edition was especially appropriate, and old subscribers as well as new will find that the book by the late Chairman of the Executive Committee gives an admirable bird's-eye view of the

work of the Fund. Although space allows the book to provide only the bare outlines of what has been done, the material is so arranged as to include all information necessary to explain the different expeditions and excavations. A map is also appended containing all the important names and sites. Chapters are written on the reason why the P.E.F. was established; the foundation of the Society in 1865; the preliminary reconnaissance of Palestine, 1865-6; the explorations at Jerusalem, 1867-70; the expedition to the Desert of the Exodus, 1869-70; the survey of Western Palestine in 1871-7; the survey of Eastern Palestine in 1881-2; the geological expedition and survey of the Arabah in 1883-4; the excavations at Lachish, Jerusalem, etc. (five chapters), the survey of Southern Palestine in 1913-14; the Palestine Pilgrims' Texts, and a concluding chapter on the administration of the Society. There are two appendices: the chronology of the P.E.F., and the chronology of the publications. The book is published by the Committee of the Fund, and can be had on application to the Assistant Secretary. Price, 3s. 6d. Postage extra.

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The Committee have brought out a new edition of the ( $\frac{3}{8}$  in. to the mile) Map of Western Palestine, of which the original edition has been for some time out of print. It is in two large sheets, and will be, primarily, a travellers' map. The roads and railways constructed since the original survey have been added. For the sake of clearness, only the modern names are given. The hill shading is in a lighter tint for the same reason. All the country beyond that actually surveyed is shown in outline only. In a few years it may be possible to add much of this in a further edition. In the meantime, this is the clearest map and the easiest to consult of any yet issued by the Society. The price of the complete map is 7s. 6d. If desired, the map can be mounted on linen to fold, or on rollers, 15s. 6d. Subscriber's price, 6s. unmounted and 13s. mounted. Postage extra.

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The Library of the Palestine Exploration Fund contains many duplicate volumes, including standard works by Robinson, Ritter, Stanley and others. They may be had separately, and with a list, the price of each volume, has been prepared, and can be obtained on application.

Recent additions to the Library, by purchase, include:—

*A Brief Record of the Advance of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force under the Command of General Sir Edmund H. H. Allenby, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., July, 1917, to Oct., 1918.* Compiled from official sources by Lieut.-Col. Pirie-Gordon and published by *The Palestine News*.

The list of books received will be found below, pp. 104, 105.

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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. 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 Local Secretaries.

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Plaster casts of the raised contour maps (large and small) of Jerusalem have been prepared and can now be had on application. The horizontal scale of the large 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. The scale of the smaller map is  $\frac{1}{10000}$  and the size 20 inches square. Price without addition of early walls and streets £1 5s.

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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 without further delay, 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 1918 is published in the Annual Report.

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*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 our former 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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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 4, except Saturdays, when it is closed at 1 p.m.

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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.

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

*A Guide-book to Northern Palestine and Southern Syria ; and a Guide-book to Central Syria, Lebanon and Phoenicia :* Vols. III and IV of the Palestine Pocket Guide-books ; published by the *Palestine News*, 1918 and 1919.

*The Annual of the British School of Athens :* No. XXII, Sessions 1916-17, 1917-18 ; *The Mosques of the Arabs in Constantinople*, by F. W. Hasluck ; etc.

*The Expository Times.*

*Studies.*

*The Scottish Geographical Magazine*, April : The Turkish Problem.

*The Irish Theological Quarterly*, April.

*The Zionist Review.*

*The Hebrew Christian Alliance Quarterly*, April.

*Sunrise*, by the Scripture Study Publishing House, Manchester, 1918. *Palestine.*

*Appeal for the Liberation and Union of the Hellenic Race*, by W. P. Reeves (1918).

*The Jewish Quarterly*, Jan.-April : Kedesh-Naphtali and Taanach, by Prof. Julian Morgenstein ; etc.

*The Journal of the American Oriental Society*, Feb.-April.

*The American Journal of Philology*, Oct.-Dec. 1918.

*The Biblical World.*

*The Homiletic Review.*

*Art and Archaeology*, April, 1919.

*The Story of Bible Translations*, by Max L. Margolis, Philadelphia, 1917.

*The Jerusalem Year Book*, 1919. By the late H. M. Luncz.

*Journal Asiatique*, May-June.

*Sphinx*, Vol. XXI, I, Gaston Maspero, by Gustave Jéquier, etc.

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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 to acknowledge with thanks the following contribution to the Library :—

From Mr. C. T. Wilson :—

*Peasant Life in the Holy Land.*

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

Sir J. G. Frazer, *Folk-lore in the Old Testament: Studies in Comparative Religion, Legend and Law*. (Macmillan, 1918.)

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

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

Lagarde, *Onomastica Sacra* (1887).

The Antonine Itinerary—an edition by Parthey and Pindar was published in 1847 at Berlin. An edition in Russian is also extant, but is therefore not available save to the few who know that language.

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For list of authorised lectures and their subjects, kindly 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.

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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