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NOTES AND NEWS.

FURTHER accounts of the internal conditions in Palestine at the present time have appeared from time to time in the press. The light they throw upon the sufferings and misery of the unfortunate victims is startling. "It is no exaggeration to say that two-thirds of the inhabitants of the villages in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem, Ramallah, et-Taibeh, el-Bireh, Beit Safafa, Selwan, Beit Hanineh and Bir Zeit have died of hunger and typhoid fever. The Lebanon it is impossible to describe adequately, for the horrors of destitution and suffering to which the Turks have subjected the people of that district, leave one stupified and dumb. . . . Jemal Pasha banished to Anatolia thousands of well-known Syrians with their families, including bishops and other religious leaders, learned men and sheikhs, in order that the people might be left without support or assistance." We refrain from quoting the most distressing statements; the above speak for themselves, need no comment of ours, and will not be forgotten in the day of reckoning.

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We hope to publish in the next volume of the *Q.S.* two articles by our late Chairman, Colonel Watson. The one consists of a number of interesting notes on the churches of Jerusalem founded before A.D. 1099, and the other is a careful essay on Bonaparte's Expedition to Palestine in 1799. The Committee are also indebted to Lady Watson for a large number of books, pamphlets, maps, plans, pictures, MSS., photographic films, map-cabinet, scales, and many other objects; all these, the property of the late Sir Charles Watson, have been received, arranged and catalogued, and will be a valued memorial of his work and interest in the Fund. The

sincere thanks of the Committee are tendered to Lady Watson for her generous gift, and a fuller account of the contents will be found below, pp. 162, 163.

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We print in this issue the first part of an account by Miss Estelle Blyth, our temporary Assistant Secretary, of the late Lord Kitchener's work in Palestine. Also of topical interest is the fact that the sketches by Mr. Philip J. Baldensperger, entitled "The Immovable East," deal with well-known Palestinian towns, beginning with Jerusalem. The MS. in our possession was written some years ago, and in Mr. Baldensperger's vivacious style; and although he is not describing the Jerusalem of to-day or of the day before the war, his observations are an interesting contribution to a better knowledge of a land whose fate is bound to attract even more attention as time goes on. For this reason, too, we commend the series of articles by Dr. Masterman and Prof. R. A. S. Macalister as calculated to throw much needed light upon the psychology of the land. What has been observed by the foremost geographer of the Holy Land is borne out by a study of its history: "Palestine is essentially a land of small divisions, and its configuration does not fit it to form a separate entity; it 'has never belonged to one nation and probably never will (George Adam Smith)'" (*Ency. Brit.*, art. "Palestine," Vol. XX, p. 605). A deeper knowledge of the natural and psychical conditions of Palestine is highly requisite for a better understanding of the problems of the future.

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An interesting feature of *The Near East* is its new practice of publishing a list of English residents in Palestine, etc., who have left Turkey in consequence of the war, and may have lost sight of one another.

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Owing to pressure of space, several important items must be held over, among them a review of an important book published by the American Sunday School Union, Philadelphia, U.S.A. It is a handbook on the "Archaeology of the Bible," carefully prepared, profusely illustrated, and by the competent hands of Prof. George A. Barton, sometime Director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

*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. Last year 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, post free 3s. 6d.

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*Fifty Years' Work in the Holy Land.* Colonel Watson's book (see the last paragraph) is having a steady sale; it should be read by all who would make themselves acquainted with the progress of Palestinian research.

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In drawing attention to the books needed for the Library of the Fund, we may mention especially Lagarde's *Onomastica Sacra* (2nd ed., 1887), and the *Antonine Itinerary*. An edition of the

latter by Parthey and Pindar was published at Berlin in 1847, see below, p. 164.

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*The New Survey: Double Annual for 1914-15.*—The material resulting from the Survey of the Southern Country (“The Desert of the Wanderings”) in the early part of 1914 proved to be more voluminous and more complete than could have been anticipated, seeing how short a time was available, owing to climate and other considerations. The whole Survey party must have worked with an energy and industry exceeding that of any previous expedition, notwithstanding the unusual difficulties which beset them from the nature of the country. The notes and descriptions of the various localities included are full and careful, and Messrs. Woolley and Lawrence are to be congratulated on having made them vivid and interesting, and on having secured so many and characteristic photographic illustrations as well as plans. The few inscriptions collected have been examined and carefully analysed by Mr. Marcus Tod, of Oxford. They are all personal memorials but afford some exact dates.

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Altogether the amount of material largely exceeds what should suffice for a double volume of the *Annual*—*i.e.*, for two years. But, on careful consideration, the Committee thought that the reasons for publishing the whole together and without undue delay were so strong that they felt compelled to disregard the strictly economical question, so far as subscribers are concerned, and to publish the whole as a double *Annual* for the years 1914-15.

The reasons for this course were :—

1. That the region is one which so greatly interests all Bible students.
2. That it has never previously been surveyed or systematically examined.
3. That it may never again be so thoroughly examined and reported on.
4. That the disturbed condition of all Europe makes it improbable that any work of excavation can be undertaken for the present.

The price of the book to the public outside the Society is 45s.

An account of the *Annual* will be found in the April issue of the *Q.S.*, 1915, pp. 61-63.

The Committee are bringing 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 six 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 six sheets will be 7s. 6d. If desired, the map can be mounted on linen and a roller, or to fold. It will be ready for issue when the war permits.

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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 a list, with the price of each volume, has been prepared, and can be obtained on application.

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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.

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  $\frac{1}{28800}$  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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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 without further delay, 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 1915 was given in the Annual Report published with the April number.

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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.

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.

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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 :—

*Archaeology and the Bible* : Part I, The Bible Lands, their Exploration and the Resultant Light on the Bible and History ; Part 2, Translations of Ancient Documents which Confirm or Illuminate the Bible. Pages xiv and 461, 303 illustrations. By Prof. G. A. Barton. (American Sunday School Union, 1816, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 2·25 dollars post free.)

*The Society of Biblical Archaeology* : Vol. XXXVIII, Part 5, The late Sir Gaston C. C. Maspero, K.C.M.G., by F. Legge ; The Chronology of the Neo-Babylonian Empire, by Rev. Dr. Johns ; Arabian Personal Names borne by Israelites of the Mosaic Period, by Rev. W. T. Piltner.

*The Scottish Geographical Magazine*, August, 1916: Arabia and the Arabs, by V. Dingelstedt. Syria: the Present and the Future. The Civilization of Babylonia and Assyria (Jastrow); reviewed by A. C. Baird.

*Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review of Letters, Philosophy, and Science*, June, September, 1916.

*The Irish Theological Quarterly*, July, 1916.

*The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, Vol. XLVI, 1916, Racial Elements concerned in the First Siege of Troy, by H. Peake.

*Annals of Archaeology and Anthropology*, Vol. VII, Nos. 3 and 4, A North-Syrian Cemetery of the Persian Period, by C. L. Woolley; etc.

*The Expository Times*.

*The Near East: A weekly review of Oriental Politics, Literature, Finance and Commerce*. Regular letters from special correspondents in Palestine and Syria; etc.

*The Biblical World*, June-August, 1916: America, Arabic and Islam, by M. Sprengling; the Value of Biblical Archaeology, by G. H. Richardson.

*The Homiletic Review*.

*Art and Archaeology*, Vol. III, Part 5; Vol. IV, Part 1.

*The American Journal of Archaeology*, Vol. XX, 2: Babylonian Origin of Hermes the Snake-God, and of the Caduceus, by A. L. Frothingham; Archaeological discussions: Egypt, Babylonia, Assyria and Persia, Syria and Palestine, Asia Minor, etc.

*The American Journal of Philology*, Vol. XXXVII, 2.

*The Jewish Quarterly Review*, July, 1916.

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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 contributions to the Library:—

From Lady Watson:—

Portrait of Sir Charles Watson, framed.

Three Scales, made by Sir Charles Watson, for measurement of distances.

Romano-Egyptian Amphora, 100 B.C., in stand.

Eight Antique Mahogany Chairs.

Map Cabinet.

Nine large and eight small Letter Drawers.

124 Lantern slides, including 53 of Jerusalem, with slide-boxes.

85 envelopes of Photographic Films, docketed, in box.

## 78 Maps and Plans, including :—

Map of the Desert between Egypt and Palestine.

Map of the Peninsula of Sinai.

Ordnance Survey of Mount Sinai.

Ordnance Survey of Mount Serbal.

Map of the White Nile.

Map of the Nile from Khartoum to Gondokoro, by Lieutenants Watson and Chippendall.

Plan of the Citadel at Cairo, made by French Engineers in 1799.

Plan of the Temple of Jerusalem.

Plans of the Excavations at Jerusalem.

Plans of the Rock Contours of Jerusalem.

Plan of Acre.

## 89 Books, including :—

*The Quarterly Statement*, 1869–1915.

The Works of the Palestine Pilgrims' Text Society.

The "Jerusalem" volume of the Survey of Western Palestine, and Portfolio of Plates.

Journals of Major-General C. G. Gordon at Khartoum.

## 51 Pamphlets, including :—

*St. Étienne et son Sanctuaire à Jérusalem* (Lagrange).

*Topographie de l'ancienne Jérusalem* (Berto).

*Les Tombeaux de David* (Clermont-Ganneau).

*Chroniques et Propheties épître de Sidi Lokman el-Hakim.*

*La Confrérie Musulmane de Sidi Mohammed Ben 'Ali es-Senousi* (Duveyrier).

*Relations between the Sultan and the Mahdi.*

*Tribes of the Eastern Sudan* (Cameron).

*Tribes of the Nile Valley, North of Khartoum* (Sir C. Wilson).

*Mosque of Sultan Nasir Mohammed ibn Kalaoun in the Citadel of Cairo* (Sir C. M. Wilson).

*'Omarah's History of Yemen* (Kay).

*Bézétha.* By Lagrange and Vincent.

## MSS. :—

*Bonaparte's Expedition to Palestine in 1799.*

*The Churches of Jerusalem founded before A.D. 1099* (Incomplete).

*Extracts from Josephus.*

## From Mrs. Ross Scott :—

*Picturesque Views of Public Edifices in Ancient and Modern Rome.*

*Ordnance Survey of the Sinai Peninsula.*

*The Nile Quest.* By Sir H. Johnstone.

*Egypt and the Egyptians.* By Rev. J. O. Bevan.

*A Levantine Log Book.* By J. Hart.

*Myths and Legends of Ancient Egypt.* By Lewis Spencer.

*Memoir of the Ruins of Babylon.* By C. J. Rich.

*The Penetration of Arabia.* By D. G. Hogarth.

From A. S. Michie, Esq. :—

*The Christian in Palestine*, or Scenes of Sacred History, Historical and Descriptive. By Henry Stebbing, D.D., F.R.S. ; 79 plates, steel engravings. Illustrated from Sketches taken on the spot by W. H. Bartlett. (London : George Virtue.)

From the Rev. C. V. Goddard :—

*Quarterly Statement*, from 1895 to 1915, fourteen years being complete.

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).

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.

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.

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.*