

THE
PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

NOTES AND NEWS.

DIED

On the 15th March, 1916,

COLONEL SIR CHARLES M. WATSON,

K.C.M.G., C.B., M.A., R.E., &c.,

Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem,

CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SUBSCRIBERS will learn with infinite regret that Sir CHARLES MOORE WATSON, Chairman of the Executive Committee for the past ten years, died on March 15th of heart failure following bronchitis. So brief was his illness that none of the Committee, nor of his intimate friends, knew that he was ailing until the sad news reached them that he was no more.

A short Memoir will be found in these pages ; but we may here allude to the almost daily attention which he gave to the affairs of this Society, to the variety and value of his attainments, and, above all, to the charm of his personality, and his invariable courtesy and kindness. His loss to this Society is a grave misfortune ; to the Committee it is a grief.

Owing to the unexpected death of the Chairman it has been impossible to make arrangements for the Annual General Meeting in time for the publication of this number of the *Quarterly Statement*.

An announcement will be made in May; or subscribers who wish to attend will receive cards by making an application after May 15th.

Some idea of the internal conditions in Palestine at the present time can be gained from an account published in the *Morning Post* of the 14th March, from that paper's correspondent at Alexandria. Writing under date of the 28th February, it states that the Mount of Olives has been fortified, and is said to have been rendered impregnable. "The economic situation of the country is deplorable. The American Relief Fund is doing its utmost to cope with the distress, and in Jerusalem alone 40,000 people have daily rations doled out to them by this Fund. As it is impossible to export the oranges they have rotted on the trees. The villages are deserted, as the manhood of the country has either been forced to join the army or is at work on the military roads. Public executions are frequent. At Jaffa, Aly Hamis, the chief boatman of Cook's and the Kavas of the American Consulate, who is well known to all tourists in Palestine, has been hanged on a charge of espionage for the cause of the British. A similar fate has befallen Mahmoud Effendi, the Mamour of the Passport Office, and formerly in the service of the Khedivial Mail Line, while Mr. Emil Knesevich, the young son of the British Consular Agent at Jaffa, was only saved from a similar fate by the intervention of Dr. Glazebrook, the American Consul at Jerusalem. He was accused of having received letters from his father, a refugee in Egypt."

The Rev. George Adam Smith has kindly presented to the Library of the Fund a copy of his admirable Atlas of the Historical Geography of the Holy Land, published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton. This work, which is by far the best collection of maps of the Bible Lands that has yet appeared, should be on the table of every Biblical student. The maps, sixty in number, are divided into four parts, namely:—1. Bible Lands; 2. General Maps of Palestine; 3. Palestine at particular periods in the history of Israel; 4. The

Christian Era. The maps are preceded by some most useful historical notes, accompanied by a full list of books dealing with the geography and antiquities of the country, and a set of clearly drawn up Chronological Tables. The maps have been drawn under the direction of Dr. J. G. Bartholomew, of the Edinburgh Geographical Institute, and are executed in a manner that leaves little to be desired.

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.

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. 59.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 $\frac{1}{100000}$ and the size 20 inches square. Price without addition of early walls and streets £1 5s.

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 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 1915 is given in the Annual Report published with this 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.

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 Society of Biblical Archaeology: Vol. XXXVII, Part 7, Adam and Sargon in the Land of the Hittites; and, Vol. XXXVIII, Part 1, The Land of Nod, by Prof. Sayce; Part 2, Samaritan Phylacteries and Amulets, by Dr. Gaster.

The Egyptian Origin of the Semitic Alphabet, by A. H. Gardiner, D.Litt. ; and *The Origin of the Semitic Alphabet*, by A. E. Cowley, D.Litt. (Reprinted from *The Journal of Egyptian Archaeology*, January, 1916.)

The Expository Times, January, 1916 : The Sumerian Epic of the Fall of Man, by Dr. Stephen Langdon.

Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review of Letters, Philosophy and Science, March, 1916.

The Scottish Geographical Magazine, February, 1916 : Babylon and Babylonia : A Review ; The Caliph's last heritage : a Review.

The Jewish Quarterly Review, January, 1916 : Pygmy-legends in Jewish Literature, by Dr. Solomon Hurwitz.

The American Journal of Archaeology, October-December, 1915.

The Biblical World.

The Homiletic Review.

Index to the Publications of the Canadian Institute, 1852-1912.

Art and Archaeology, Vol. III, Part 1 : The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World (*illustrated*), by E. J. Banks, etc., etc.

Journal Asiatique, 1914 : Monuments et histoire de la période comprise entre la fin de la XII^e dynastie et la restauration thébaine (*concluded*), by M. R. Weill.

Sphinx, Vol. XIX, fasc. III.

Di Tribune, (Copenhagen).

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 desire to acknowledge with thanks the following contributions to the Library :—

From the Author :—

The Ancient Weights of Britain. By Wilfred Airy, B.A., M.Inst.C.E.

From Charles C. Walker, Esq. :—

Palestine and the Powers. By Frank G. Jannaway.

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.*
