

subjects will include all those for which Archaeology provides material :—Art and Antiquities of all kinds, the History of Ancient Religions, Topography, Geography and other relevant studies.

The Committee undertake that no modern religious or political question nor any personal matter of religious persuasion will be allowed to affect the policy of the School, which is conceived on the broadest lines in an organised effort to cope with an existing national need.

The School will provide and maintain a classified catalogue of available Archaeological material to serve as a basis of research and study. The assistance of volunteers for this work is cordially invited. Students with some special tastes or training can render valuable service.

It is a matter of satisfaction that arrangements have been concluded for cordial collaboration with the American School of Oriental Research. The Committee have definite hopes of completing arrangements in due course with French Archaeologists so as to collaborate with them in a similar way. Students and workers will thus reap the full advantage of a more complete and efficient staff, curriculum, library and material. The Committee also look forward to an intimate co-operation with the future civil administration of the areas in question, especially in connection with the Department of Antiquities, which it is anticipated will be established. A scheme for securing such co-operation has already been drafted.

The Committee also wish to establish a close relationship of a durable kind with the Universities and Academic Bodies of the British Empire and with theological and other educational institutions. They are of opinion that many graduates will in this way find the opening they desire to a useful and interesting sphere of work. It has already been intimated to the Committee that the British School of Archaeology in Egypt is prepared to collaborate in training and excavation whenever practicable.

Just as Palestine was in the past the meeting place of civilisations, so now the Committee aims at rendering the School a convenient starting point for students desiring to pursue paths further afield. Jerusalem will in future be an increasingly convenient centre from which to proceed to Sinai, Moab, Damascus, the Amorite and Hittite Country of the North and eventually to Mesopotamia. To this end, branches of the School will be created as occasion may require and one at Baghdad is already in contemplation.

A site for the building of the School in a very favourable position in Jerusalem has been provisionally secured. Meanwhile work will be begun in temporary quarters which the present Administration has undertaken to place at the disposal of the School.

With the object of expediting arrangements, the Committee have provisionally appointed Professor J. Garstang as Director. He has already visited Palestine, and in view of his Reports and of all the circumstances the Committee feel it to be an urgent public duty to proceed actively with their programme. They, therefore, appeal confidently to the British Public for financial support to make this possible.