MODERN EGYPT: ITS WITNESS TO CHRIST. LECTURES AFTER A VISIT TO EGYPT IN 1883

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649650606

Modern Egypt: Its Witness to Christ. Lectures After a Visit to Egypt in 1883 by Henry Bickersteth Ottley

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

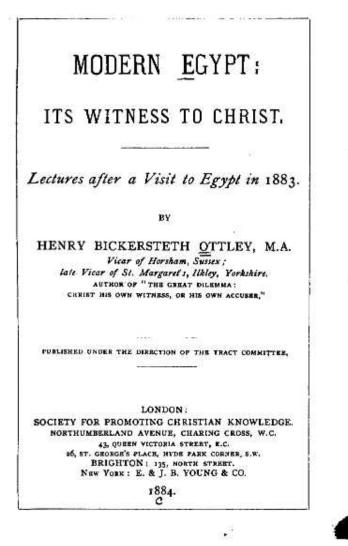
This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

HENRY BICKERSTETH OTTLEY

MODERN EGYPT: ITS WITNESS TO CHRIST. LECTURES AFTER A VISIT TO EGYPT IN 1883

Trieste



PREFACE.

It should be explained that the following Addresses are the reprint, almost *verbatim*, of Lectures delivered week by week to a mixed and fluctuating congregation of visitors and residents in a Northern wateringplace. Prepared without any view to their permanent publication, in such scanty leisure as could be found in the pressure of ordinary parish work, they were printed each week by two local newspapers; and even in their present less ephemeral form are nothing more, in style and substance, than a reproduction of what they were originally intended to be. This will, it is hoped, explain, and in part excuse, certain peculiarities of style and composition, largely due to their local and rhetorical colouring, of which the writer is very sensible.

In regard to the Addresses themselves, he can only hope that they will sufficiently explain themselves. They are an endeavour to present in a popular and colloquial form some of the results which have accrued to the study of the Bible History from recent discoveries in Egypt.

MODERN EGYPT.

Incidentally, it is hoped that one of the results of this endeavonr may be to stimulate an occasional reader to support the undertakings of the recentlyformed "Egypt Exploration Fund." It may be again repeated here that contributions to the objects of this society (of which Sir Erasmus Wilson is President) would be gratefully received by the writer, or may be sent direct to the Treasurer of the Fund, R. Stuart Poole, Esq., British Museum, London, W.C.

It should be added that the Chronology here adopted is based upon the second English edition of Brugsch-Bey's "History of Egypt."

H. B. O.

13

iv

CONTENTS.

CHAPTER L

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS.

(June 3, 1883.)

The Evidential Value of Eastern Travel... ... Page 1

CHAPTER II.

ALEXANDRIA: THE DREAM OF ITS FOUNDER, AND THE MESSAGE OF ITS RUINS.

(June 10.)



.

MODERN EGYPT.

CHAPTER III.

EGYPT "THE GIFT OF THE NILE": ITS LAND AND ITS PEOPLE.

- (June 17.)

CHAPTER IV.

THE MUSEUM AT BOULAQ : THE HISTORY OF EGYPT.

(June 24.)

ví

CONTENTS.

CHAPTER V.

MEMPHIS, CITY OF THE DEAD : THE WITNESS OF THE PYRAMIDS.

(July 1.)

The Tombs of Memphis-Jeroboam and the Apis Bull-Ruins of Memphis-Description by an Arab Mediæval Traveller-Foundation of "Men-nofer"-The Necropolis-The Sphinx-The Apis Mausoleum-The Pyramids-Size and Object-Their Memories ... Page 63

CHAPTER VI.

THE WISDOM OF THE EGYPTIANS : AN OLD UNIVERSITY.

(July 8.)

"Cleopatra's Needle," or Obelisk of Heliopolis-Its Memories-Legends of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Infant Christ at and near Cairo-University of Heliopolis - Moses - Ancient "Curriculum" - The Phoenix-Education : Ancient and Modern, Pagan and Christian 77

CHAPTER VII.

KARNAK : ITS TEMPLES, ITS MYSTERIES, AND ITS IDOLS.

(July 15.)

Another "City of the Sun"-The Sun God and His Obelisk-Arrival at Luxor-Thebes, Bible No-Amon

vii

MODERN EGYPT.

-History-Ruins-Great Hall of Karnak-An Ancient List of Cities in Canaan - An American Traveller's Account of the Ruins-Temples-Deities -Sun Worship-Purity of Ancient Liturgies -Their Gradual Deterioration-Warning against Externalism Page 91

CHAPTER VIII.

THEBES, AND THE SEPULCHRES OF THE KINGS.

(July 22.)

The "Eternal Homes" (Sepulchres) of the Egyptians-The "Hostelries" of their Dwelling-houses-The King and his Tomb-Thebes-The Nile Ferry-boat -Memories-The Plain of Thebes-The Rameseum -The Colossi-The Vocal Memnon-The Bab-el-Molook-Belzoni's Tomb (Sethi I.)-The Valleys of Bethlehem-The Sepulchre of Christ-The Eternal Homes of the Resurrection Life 109

CHAPTER IX.

THE MUMMY AND THE SOUL: "THE BOOK OF THE DEAD."

(July 29.)

"After Death"-Interest of the Problem-The Earthly Tribunal-The Death Chamber of Jacob-The Death Wail-The Funeral Procession-The Process of Embalming-The Natron-The Spices-The "Liturgy of the Dead"-The Egyptian "Purgatorio"-Its Lesson for us 125

viii