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The year 1880 also saw the publication of the Etz Peri, an anthology of lengthy articles on the value of learning and of supporting Torah, published by the founders of the institution: R. Israel Salanter and R. Isaac Elchanan. R. Alexander Mosheh Lapidus wrote the preface and epilogue, while R. Israel Meir Hakohen of Radin (the Chafetz Chaim) was responsible for the introduction. The work contained an appeal to "all the sons of our people, each insofar as it is in his power to strengthen weakened hands, to awaken the sleepers and arouse the slumberers to reinforce the fortress of Torah, to offer a contribution to G-d, to give aid and support to those diligently devoting themselves to Torah study in the various cities of Jewish settlement in their localities and dwellings." A large number of copies were printed and these were distributed in all countries of the world. It made a deep impression on the Jewish community. The editor, who also contributed an anonymous preface, was R. Nathan Zvi Finkel. Unofficially, he was the moving spirit of the entire Kolel.

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