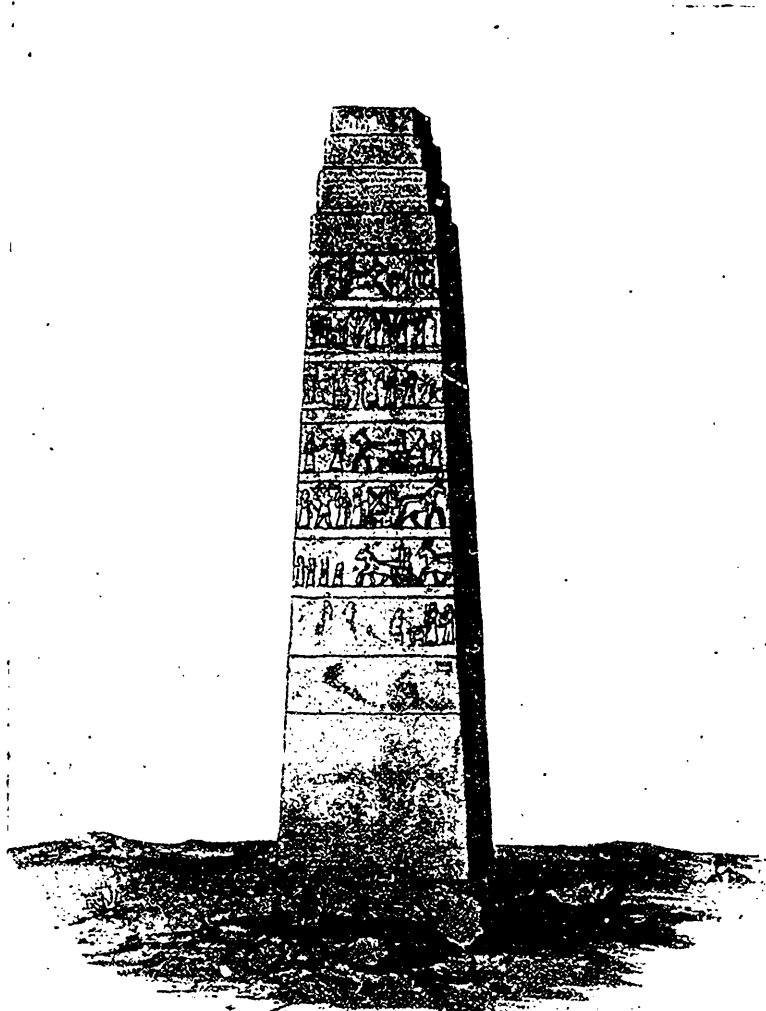


venture and romantic interest, and of illustrations of Oriental costumes "hoary with age and full of instruction for the modern students of the Bible."

Our illustrations on pages 99 and 100 indicate the manner in which the remains of the lost civilization of Nineveh and Babylon

their holy men. The book described in this article abounds in illustrations of the difficulties arising from the conflict of authority between the local sheiks and that conferred by the firman of the Sultan.

An enormous amount of *débris* had to be removed and the greatest care exercised not



OBELISK OF ASSUR-NAZIR-PAL, KING OF ASSYRIA (885-860 B. C.), FOUND IN THE MOUND AT NIMROUD.

have been recovered by Hormuzd Rassam. It required great tact and skill in managing men, to induce the Arabs to work with steady persistence, and to overcome their objections to working in mounds which had been consecrated in their estimation by the shrine of a saint or the remains of any of

to destroy the contained relics. The obelisk of Assur-nazir-pal is a typical example of the memorial monoliths of these Oriental despots. The sides are covered with numerous figures in bas-relief and with descriptive cuneiform inscriptions. Other monoliths have a sort of niche in which in low relief