

as in the last number of this magazine, some of those themes in which the great body of our readers are so directly interested.

It is a tribute to the enterprise of the Western Methodist Book Concern that it has issued one of the most interesting and instructive volumes of exploration in the

found them true, loyal and hospitable. It is not they, but the agents of the Sublime Porte who are the obstructives to exploration.

It is a striking confirmation of the prophecies of Scripture that the great cities of Babylon and Nineveh became so completely lost to human history. Babylon was buried



SITE OF AN ANCIENT ARMENIAN TEMPLE FOUND IN THE MOUND OF TOPRAE-KALAA, NEAR VAN.

cradle lands of our race.—“Asshur and the Land of Nimrod.” The author made no less than four expeditions to Mesopotamia, and had to encounter much opposition through the restrictions and prohibitions of the Sultan of Turkey. He states that the Arabs, Kurds and Turkomans are most tractable people to deal with. He always

in a mud-mound; Nineveh was so thoroughly forgotten that for ages her site was unknown, so that a cultivated Greek, leading home his broken army of ten thousand men, passed right by it, and never knew that beneath the mud and sand lay the remains of vast palaces.

The book contains much of stirring ad-