

DIGGERS INTO MAN'S HISTORY.

(New York Evening Post.)
Excavators for the University of Pennsylvania announce preparations to begin work at Beth-Shan, a city of Palestine. Other signs of a vigorous after-war revival in archaeology have been appearing. The American School at Jerusalem was recently reopened. Not many months ago the University of Chicago announced an expedition to make a prolonged tour through Egypt and Asia Minor to explore the possibilities for later research. We may soon witness such widespread activity as in the years just previous to the war, when Americans and the leading European nations had made a careful division of the field to avoid friction—the Americans at Sardis, Thebes, and Corinth; the Germans at Assur, Didyma, and Jericho, the British at Memphis and in northern Greece, the French at Delos, the Italians in Crete, the Austrians at Palaeopolis. Even the war by no means wholly halted archaeology, the military operations themselves yielding occasional fruit. Thus a Turkish shell in the fighting near Jericho uncovered a mosaic of perhaps five centuries B. C. which strengthened the belief that treasure lies under those sands. The Italian army of occupation in Istra was followed by archaeologists, who found reliefs and mosaics showing that region to be a very old Roman settlement. The troops who dug trenches around Salonica discovered statuettes, vases, and coins, and French camp-followers in Macedonia stumbled upon



vestiges of Alexander's time. Austrians training near Cairo had to be admonished to surrender their finds. The British air forces in fighting Turks ascertained that subterranean ruins can sometimes be discerned from the air, just as submarines are marked beneath the surface of the sea. How luck may unexpectedly reward the persistent digger is illustrated in an article by Herbert E. Winlock, assistant curator of the Metropolitan Museum, in the February Scribner's. Searching at Thebes, where the Frenchman Daresy had explored a quarter century before, the Americans by chance lighted upon an inviolate tomb furnished with something richer than jewels or gold—with reproductions in carved human figures, animals, boats, and buildings of daily Egyptian life twenty centuries before Cleopatra. These models show a nobleman counting his cattle, taking a sail on his yacht, watching his servants harpoon and set fish; they show the women of his

household spinning and the men butchering, storing grain, cooking, and carpentering. Such a glimpse makes the past strangely near, as do the glimpses into history afforded by the discovery of the palace of Obellias Firmus in Pompeii in 1912, of the fortifications Vercingetorix raised against Caesar at Alesia, of the homes of Minoans and Mycenaeans, and of the domicile of the high priest of the sun, Pe-wah, at Tel-el-Amarna. Now the archaeologists turn up a new fragment of Menander—thirty lines were recently found; now fresh sayings of Christ set down on papyrus; now a bit of evidence relating to Frisian pirates, and now a proof that mankind knew the secret of interlocking brick construction in Chocoma's day. Archaeology is bound literally to leave no stone unturned.

OUR PENITENTIARIES.
(Montreal Herald.)
In the past the prevailing idea has been that penitentiaries were a place of punishment only; that it was of small moment whether men were kept in idleness, made break stone, or given clean interesting, useful work to do so long as society was protected from them. During the last twenty years just passed a tremendous change has swept over most of our countries in regard to prison management, and while Canada has been well ahead of others in most matters, the two great essentials work and segregation, have been denied. Penitentiaries are now fast being re-warded as industries—factories to man-

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