

sorts, though one waits impatiently for inscribed objects that will lead to an identification of the unknown people who lived at Tepe Hissar four or five thousand years ago. So far, in culture, they most closely resemble the Sumerians, but far more investigation is required before the relationships are properly established.

Finally, a cable just received from Dr. Schmidt tells of the discovery on the same mound of a Sassanian Palace (about A. D. 300) with remains of fine stucco decorative details. Those who visited the Persian Exhibition in London last winter will remember how highly prized were the few examples of Sassanian stucco ornaments and will appreciate the great artistic value of this latest find.

Few expeditions in recent years have been at the outset so extremely successful as the Joint Expedition to Persia. It will be a pleasure to report in these pages the further important discoveries that are certain to follow so successful a beginning.

*A Curator
for the
Egyptian Section*

IT is with pleasure that the Board of Managers is able to announce the appointment of Battiscombe Gunn, Esq., as Curator of the Egyptian Section of the Museum.

A scholar of Egyptian linguistics, distinguished for his various publications in this field, Mr. Gunn has been from 1928 until now Assistant Curator of the Cairo Museum. He has been particularly concerned

with the recent rearrangements, with editing the handbooks, and with the particular study of certain objects. Previous to this connection, Mr. Gunn engaged in field-work at Sakkara and Tell el Amarna, thus becoming equipped with knowledge of excavating as well as museum management.

It is a satisfaction that the Egyptian Section, long without a curator, is now to be in charge of so competent a person. It is expected confidently that the section will respond to his fresh ideas of arrangement and that with the objects to be received from the Eckley B. Coxe Expedition it will increase in interest and educational value to the students and to the public.

*Excavations at
Minturno*

THROUGH the good offices of Count David A. Costantini, president of the International Society for Mediterranean Research, the Museum has been accorded the unusual privilege of undertaking archæological operations in Italy, a privilege which for many years has not been vouchsafed non-Italian institutions. In the arrangements for this work both the Society and the Museum have received the fullest cooperative encouragement from Commendatore Roberto Parabeni, Director of Archæological Research, and the Director of the Naples Museum, Dr. Amadeo Maiuri, under whose direct supervision the Museum's work is conducted. Without the assistance and advice of these individuals it would have been impossible to have