

execution of this excellent project, but some progress has been made and certain negative results at least obtained upon the north-eastern and eastern portions of the ancient city. I shall have frequent occasion later to speak of Sig. Botti's work.

As a result of the stimulus given to exploration by the scheme above mentioned a local archaeological society was formed, the members being drawn from all nationalities; and in 1893 a communication reached the Hellenic Society of London, asking for a grant-in-aid. Being at that time under orders to proceed to Egypt on behalf of the Egypt Exploration Fund, I was asked by the Committee of the Hellenic Society to report on the matter. I did so in April, 1894, and a small grant was made subsequently from the funds of the Society. The main result of my visit, however, had been to inform me how much uncertainty hung still over Alexandrian topography, and how little was known definitely either as to the existence of buried art treasures or the feasibility of recovering them; and therefore, in the course of the summer of 1894, I recommended to both the Egypt Exploration Fund and the Hellenic Society that it was advisable to expend a small sum in testing the site. Backed by these two societies, I came accordingly to Alexandria in the middle of February, 1895, and with the co-operation of Messrs. E. F. Benson and E. R. Bevan, of the British Archaeological School at Athens, conducted excavations for more than two months. My two coadjutors were concerned mainly with the trials which we made in the eastern cemeteries (*v. infra* for their Report), which are in the main on Government land. I personally looked after the soundings in the town itself. For driving galleries under the mound of Fort Kom el Dikk, General Sir Forestier Walker had most kindly placed sappers at my disposal; and for this favour and help which I received in carrying out this part of the work I have to thank him and the other military authorities. My requests for leave to sink shafts in the town were met everywhere with ready acquiescence, and especially I have to thank Baron J. de Menasce, the brothers de Zogheb, and Messieurs Pandeli Salvago and Poilay Bey, the manager of the Daira Toussoun. Mr. Reeves, of the Imperial Ottoman Bank, and Mr. Goussio, of the Anglo-Egyptian, did me great service in smoothing my way, and Signor Botti in giving me information about localities. The Societies, which I represented, owe to them all gratitude, and not less to Sir Charles Cookson, K.C.M.G., C.B., and to Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Blomfield, who helped me much with the preliminary negotiations and while the work was in progress. The portable objects found were given, so far as I had a right to give them, to the local