

His particular interest was in Turkish and Islamic historical monuments. His two valuable reports submitted to the Ministry are concerned with monuments at Mardin, Diyarbakir, Bitlis, Ahlat, Silvan, Harput, Malatya, and Hasankeyif; suggestions are made regarding measures that should be taken for the restoration and preservation of these monuments.

#### ANCIENT BRONZE OBJECTS FOUND AT ARTVIN

By Dr. Kurt Bittel

In the spring of 1932, a group of school boys from Artvin, on an excursion with their teachers in the Sazakale Orman, explored a cave where they found a number of ancient objects. They were sent to the Ethnography Museum at Ankara, where they were examined by the Boğazköy excavator, Dr. Bittel. Though the writer does not definitely fix the periods of these objects (axes, spades, etc.), he draws attention to the characteristics which are comparable to those of similar objects of known epochs, particularly from Troy and the Caucasus. It is probable that these objects were the property of a miner. They are valuable historical evidence of the spread of the mining industry in the country, and as type representatives they are, furthermore, of significance.

#### SOME UNPUBLISHED SINOP INSCRIPTIONS

By M. Şakir The writer speaks of the

importance of Sinop in Turkish history. The inscriptions of Sinop have received the attention of a number of scholars; among those who have published material on these inscriptions are: Abdullah Bey, Hasan Fehmi Bey, Hüseyin Hilmi Bey, and Mehmet Behçet Bey. In 1923 Hüseyin Hilmi Bey published a small volume of inscriptions including certain historical commentary. Mehmet Behçet Bey published further contributions, in a sense a continuation of Hüseyin Hilmi Bey's work, in the *Türk Tarih Encümeni Mecmuası*, 1929 and 1930. In spite of the fact that Mehmet Behçet Bey took considerable pains, as he himself tells us, in the collection of inscriptions, the present author points out certain lacunae and mistranslations. Others unpublished inscriptions are added.

#### CONCERNING THE «RED» SPIRIT («AL» RUH) , An Evil Spirit in Turkish Mythology

By Abdülkadir An interesting evil

spirit in Turkish mythology is one called «Ab» or «Albastı», or the «red» spirit. Among many Turkish ethnological groups, both