

EXCAVATIONS IN EGYPT:

Near Egypt's Valley of the Kings lies the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut - one of many fabulous monuments to the glory of the ancient Pharaohs which Egyptian archaeologists have been exploring for more treasures of the past. And although excavations have been going on in Egypt for many years, this is something new - for the first time, Egyptian experts are in charge of the work. All the great discoveries so far have been made under British or American supervision. Now Egypt is digging up her own history.

Some things have not changed since the Pharaohs ruled; but alongside the eternal peasant, trained scientists are beginning to fill the posts once occupied by foreigners.

Tourists are shown the recently uncovered Avenue of Sphinxes.

This rock-an'-roll method is how the Pyramids were built - and how the huge stones of the temple city of Luxor were dragged into place. Although these vast colonnades are empty and silent, visitors say that as you walk among them, you cannot escape the feeling that you have slipped back 40 centuries to the birth of civilisation - so vivid and alive are these giants from the dawn of man.

The world owes much to Egypt - for here many of the arts and sciences were born. Now Egypt herself is taking up the task of unravelling the past. But she, in turn, must thank the great archaeologists of the West who showed her the way.