

planning to concentrate on an architectural study of several new pyramid mounds, and two of these have been investigated so far.

In addition to the work at Piedras Negras, the Expedition has received permission from the Mexican government to make a brief architectural study at Yaxchilan, another important site on the Usumacinta River, some miles south of Piedras Negras. This reconnaissance should be finished early in the Expedition's season.

*A Survey of
Prehistoric Research*

MR. EDGAR B. HOWARD will continue this summer the search for prehistoric man in America in which he has been engaged during the past few years. The work this year will be sponsored jointly by the University Museum, the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, and the Carnegie Institution of Washington. Mr. Howard will start about June first on a survey tour of all the recent sites throughout this country at which any evidence suggesting the existence of prehistoric man has been found. He will then proceed to New Mexico and engage in field work in the vicinity of Carlsbad and Clovis.

*A Pottery Vessel
from Mexico*

THE most notable recent addition to the Mexican collections is a remarkable pottery vessel [Plate VI] lent to the Museum by Mr. Percy C. Madeira, Jr. It is an object of such unusual type and uncertain use that no short descriptive term seems to be applicable to it; 'basket' is the designation most frequently used, but the generalized term 'container' is about the most specific one that could properly be employed. It most resembles a carrier for individual communion glasses. Only three other examples of the type seem to be known.

It was found in a tomb at San Lorenzo Albarradas, District of Tlacolula, Oaxaca, Mexico, only a few miles from the famous ruins of Mitla, and also from those of Monte Alban where for several