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SFAX.—Workmen engaged on the ramparts of Sfax have discovered most important remains of a Christian basilica and cemetery: they found the baptismal font in the form of a piscina entirely covered with mosaics and in a tolerable state of preservation, on which many Christian emblems, flowers, and a cross were visible. Potteries and marbles adorned with the same emblems, fragments of walls and of pavements, a large number of tombs, etc. were also uncovered. Unfortunately, the workmen had demolished a part of the piscina before M. Zichel, the French vice-consul, was informed of the discovery. At present the excavations are being continued under his direction.—*Le Temps*, Nov. 1; *Cour. de l'Art*, Nov. 13, 1885.