

taken from the ruins unknowingly, and so far remain unnoticed by the indifferent and supine community.

But in Acanceh itself, a large pyramid which by a rough estimate is about forty feet high and one hundred and twenty five feet square, forms part of the plaza, on the left; and from the top of which, a smaller one can be seen within a private enclosure, but still no spirit of vanity or hope of discovering precious relics, ever prompts these people to investigate anything in which there is not already an assured benefit, and there possible treasures would lie for an indefinite time, or until some foreigner will take the initiative, and expose them to the surprised eyes of the inhabitants, which objects would then be immediately swallowed up by the authorities, or at all events be restricted from leaving the country, openly.

Traces of a stone building remain on top of this pyramid, and it was presumed by an american archaeological authority that it had evidently been a place of sacrifice, which he informed the writer were similar to many others, which lie scattered between Guanabato and Costa Rica.

Following the hacienda tramway to the right, and after a ten minutes walk, one comes to another large mound covering more area, but not so high as the other. From the top of this, still another and lower one can be seen within private grounds to the right. The larger mound has been extensively excavated, exposing a series of small chambers, evidently residences of priests, some of them showing the characteristic Maya arch. One of them shows extensive work in stucco, delineating mystic subjects, exemplifying conclusively that the Mayas thoroughly understood the use of lime, and its binding effects. Speculation on the signification of the mysterious designs to be seen is useless, as it would require the explanation of the priests who originated them to elucidate.