

buried but clearly to be seen in the adjacent woods, ample encouragement is offered for further investigation to be made, when it is more than probable some rich and interesting finds would be the result. To the indomitable perseverance of Stephens alone must the discovery of these ruins be freely given, as no document can be found, that makes the slightest allusion to them, he was the first to throw open the portals of the grave, and present them in a meagre manner to the world, sickness alone prevented him carrying his researches and investigations to an exhaustive finish, he naturally but at the same time, pathetically adds, as the preceding paragraphs will confirm, that the clouds that hang over these especial ruins, are darker than those met elsewhere.

A notable fact exists, that although the discovery of these ruins, gives foreigners such particular pleasure, still the event did not create the slightest sensation in the immediate neighbourhood, and even to-day, many educated and intelligent natives in Merida, have never heard of them, and those that have been informed of the interesting and magnificent find, remain perfectly indifferent. In this connection, it should be added, that it is greatly to be lamented, that no private or public expedition has been formed, to verify Stephen's remarks, or to take up the subject so reluctantly relinquished by him.

The village of Nocacab, close to where the above mentioned ruins exist, should not be left, until an inspection of the little church is made, some gruesome, but nevertheless interesting details would appeal to the sensibilities of the average tourist.