

acquiring such a knowledge of the subject, as is possessed by no other living person.

The ruins to which we now refer are named.

## XKICHMOOL,

which consist of ten distinct edifices, and several mounds, they are situated six leagues South of Xul, about one hundred and forty miles South of Merida, and forty to fifty miles to the East of Campeche, they lie in a narrow valley, between a series of rocky hills, and to which access is gained by precipitous paths over the hill sides, and then through the beds of arroyos generally dry, but sometimes quite the reverse, all constituting an extremely difficult approach. An immense terraced incline partly artificial, announces proximity to something out the common, commencing with a series of ruined steps, flanked by walled embankments which extend upward at a moderate angle, until at a distance of one hundred and eighty seven feet from the base, a terrace, which proved to be, one of several, was reached.

As it was intended at the commencement, to produce a pamphlet, which has now assumed the dimensions of a book, it is with serious apprehension that we notice its increasing size, we must therefore from now on, make our notes in the fewest possible words.

We accompany these particular observations with some photographs, that were taken by the discoverer, which, in themselves, will show the utter impossibility of being described in detail.

The principal edifice, called as usual the Palace by the natives, is a very imposing structure, sixty four feet in height, which added to sixteen feet, the height of the terrace on which it stands, places the whole an elevation