

ZEKILNA.

The ruins of this place, about fifteen kilometres to the South East of Uxmal, apparently denote them to have belonged to nothing more important than a shrine, and are uninteresting. No allusion is made to them in any other work than Stephens, who tersely remarks that he had been told that a building containing an altar for burning copal was in the neighbourhood, and which on investigation, certainly bore evidence of having been used for that purpose by the ancient inhabitants.

To get to the place, he was told that on arriving at a certain spot on the road, he should turn off, but the native who was with him had difficulty in discovering any signs of a path, but eventually on finding it, he had to cut through a heavy bush, and clear away every step, they came to a broken stony acclivity, which on ascending the other side, a closely wooded hollow was crossed subsequently an ascent for the second time was made, when the remains of a lofty stone structure was found, but in many parts its walls had fallen, leaving only a mound strewn with stones, many of which were sculptured, the whole forming a scene of irrevocable ruin and desolation. Very little difference existed to similar ruins existing elsewhere, but this instance all had ceased to afford the slightest interest.

