

The two internal corridors mentioned, were covered by a triangular arch, making the plan of the building very original.

This concludes the buildings on the West side of the Public Road, which are still standing, but immense mounds remain, with vestiges of buildings upon them, and colossal stones and fragments of sculpture at their feet which are impossible to present in detail.

The Building with many Columns.

An area of nearly four hundred feet square, enclosed with about four hundred or more short stone columns, averaging four feet six inches high, and in regular rows of four or five deep, like soldiers marching round, are here seen. No possible use can be ascribed to them, and no information can be elicited respecting them, in any of the numerous works studied, we therefore leave them with much regret, and proceed about two hundred feet to the West, where we find

"El Castillo" or the Castle.

This great temple is said to have been in the centre of the ancient city, in fact in the centre of most cities of antiquity, was a castle and temple, both in one.

The old custom has been handed down, for even to day in all parts of the country, the plaza will invariably be found in the centre of the village, town or city, as the case may be, having its principal buildings, such as church, town house, courts etc, surrounding it.

The castle constitutes the most conspicuous object that towers above the plain, without in any way disparaging the beautiful House of the Snail, recently alluded to.

