

period long after the station had been abandoned, and even after the jungle vegetation surviving human occupation had completely died away.

To the east and south Mullah and my own men sent out on reconnaissances entirely failed to trace any structural remains. But on the north side, from the commanding position which the ruined Stupa of the main site supplied, two broken mounds could be made out clearly above the Yardangs, and these I proceeded to survey. About two miles to the north-north-east I found the ruin of a solid brick structure rising in two stories to a height of fifteen feet. Its sides, which must have measured over thirty-six feet in length, were too badly decayed through erosion to permit the character of the building to be determined with certainty. In all probability it had formed the base of a shrine. This base was constructed of sun-burnt bricks of the large size usual at this site, about nineteen by eleven inches and three inches thick, and besides these, smaller ones lay scattered below, very hard and undoubtedly fired, which may have belonged to a superstructure. Some hundred and thirty yards to the north-west I traced the position of a relatively large structure by the *débris* of massive timber, including Toghrak beams of over twenty feet in length, which littered the bare eroded soil.

After crossing frightfully cut up ground for about one mile and a half north-west-by-west I came upon the remains of a smaller brick mound and adjoining timber structure showing similar features. Here, too, erosion had proceeded too far to leave us anything to excavate. But on my way back to camp, I crossed, about half a mile south, an old river bed which afforded some interesting observations. It ran with many windings in the general direction from west to east, and seemed to connect with the bed we had crossed when approaching the ruined area on December 17th. Its width varied from about fifty to sixty-five yards. The banks, distinctly marked by dead Toghraks and tamarisk cones, descended steeply to a depth of fifteen to twenty feet.

The bed showed a fairly level bottom covered with