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The Northern Corridor of the Grand Court.

APPROACHING the Grand Hall, and looking south, an idea is gained of the corridors which formed the northern and southern boundaries of the Great Court. On the northern side the symmetry is broken by a small temple (now partially filled up with sand carried by wind and river), dedicated to Rameses III. Being built at a lower level than the Great Temple it appears dwarfed beside it, and often at first escapes attention.

The one remaining column of the colonnade, referred to in the descriptive text of the last photograph, will be noticed as slightly out of the perpendicular. This defect may be a clue to the cause of the ruined condition of the remainder. Whether the foundations have given way and so impelled their overthrow is a matter of conjecture, yet it seems highly probable that such is the case, when the nature of the ground on which they stood is taken into account, together with the fact that the inundations almost invariably reach the level of this area. That there is also an infiltration of water from the Nile seems to be an accepted fact, and this alone might be the cause of much of the damage