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*Small Court, with the Obelisk of Thothmes.*

At the end of the Great Hall is the third propylon, behind which stand two Obelisks, dedicated to Thothmes I. and Rameses II. The two are shown in the photograph, together with the remains of a fourth propylon, and a small court, round which once circled osiride columns. The ruin of the propylons is so complete that to the casual observer it is at first hard to realize entirely the design of this part of the temple. Sir Gardiner Wilkinson (and Mariette Bey later) have, however, given plans of the whole of the temple, by which it can be seen that architectural unity has been carefully preserved. The view was taken from near the enclosure wall, which once encircled the entire building, and from whence an excellent idea can be obtained of the various edifices. Behind the remains of the third propylon, shown on the left of the picture, stands the Great Hall, the smaller columns of which are hidden by the fallen masonry. In the far distance may be traced the remains of a temple, now nearly buried, and which was dedicated to Amunoph III. Judging by the plan of its foundations, it must have been one of considerable magnitude, probably larger than the small temple already described.

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