

Every department of the government with which we came in touch offered the University whole-hearted co-operation, and furnished the Expedition with letters to the State Governments, as well as to the Military and Civil authorities.

Oliver La Farge joined me in Mexico City, and together we visited various ruins in and round the capital.

Guided by Mrs. Zelia Nuttall, a trip was made to the ruins of Huexotla, where some very interesting ancient walls and foundations for buildings are found (fig 5). This is a large group of ruins. The top of one mound has been excavated. No walls of buildings are on this mound, but a series of platforms, and Mrs. Nuttall suggested that it might have been used as a market place. The side of the mound has been washed out and shows several successive layers of floors with stone rubble and dirt between (fig. 6). On one of the largest mounds stands a beautiful old Spanish church, and in front of this is the fragment of an idol. The whole group of ruins lies along a deep baranca and along the edge of this a retention wall was built in ancient times. Now the baranca is crossed by a very picturesque old Spanish stone bridge* (fig. 7).



FIG. 5.—Huexotla, D. F. End View of Ancient Wall.

On the same trip we visited a mound near the large town of Texcoco. This mound is built entirely of adobe brick covered with plaster (fig. 8).

Mrs. Nuttall is widely known as an expert on the ancient history of Mexico, and her beautiful old Spanish home in Coyoacan is a meeting place for all prominent people visiting Mexico. Many are those who think of the garden of Casa Alvarado as one of the outstanding places of beauty in the Valley of Mexico, and many are

*L. Batres. 1904.