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Thursday

Day of rest for men.

Extremely cold beginning yesterday afternoon.

At 7 a.m. this morning thermometer registered 44° Fahr.

[Drawing]

The walls of 501 bearing inscriptions of Piankhy appear to be built against Pylon II. Pylon II with its flag stones and sphinxes (2 on each side of entrance) was certainly at one time the front of the temple. The court 501

and pylon I was added later by Piankhy (as now appears). Thus the granite sphinxes of Amenophis III were either brought here from Soleb by Piankhy or were already in front of the Pylon of the 72-col temple before Piankhy made his restoration. It is possible that the row of sphinxes extended → "W" from Pylon II and were removed when the late kiosk was made in 501. Further excavation must determine this.

The date of the 72-col. temple is still obscure. If as now seems probable it is later than the Seti I and Ramses II next restoration, since it is older than Piankhy Temple, it is difficult to find a king by whom it might have been built. I am under the impression that the 72-col. Temple was built either by (1) one of the Libyan Kings of Egypt.

in (2) by Piankhy himself.

In the latter case, I would imagine that it was never finished. That is, Piankhy started to make a 72-col room and changed to 46. The two pavements about 100 cm below the floor level of the 72-col and the 46-col temples appear to belong to the Seti-Ramses period. This extent of this pavement must still be fixed. Is it merely a paved road?

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