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Possibly a further excavation in the neighborhood of Trench B may show off [?] gebel and furnish us with one dump site.

But this can only serve the N. part of the temple

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Cem. 2000. Having cleared two small stairway graves of Gamai type, found them both plundered. It may be useful later to excavate the cemetery "in skeleton" to determine size and homogeneity. For the present stopped work. Cailliaud must have seen some of these graves open ("hypogées").²⁰

Returned early (about 4:10) to Merowe and all went riding after tea. A great pleasure to ride through "official town" with its avenues of trees and green hedges. Native quarter, a great surprise as to cleanliness and regularity,--a sort of model town. Saw men at work building mosque tower, boys with schoolmaster playing football match. Various effendis walking

²⁰ Cailliaud v. III:209: "A l'ouest des pyramides, on voit les ouvertures de quelques hypogées creusés dans des monticules de grès, et qui ont été comblés par les sables"