

contiguous to the lake and streams, but not the immediate shore, and a considerable number are appropriately enclosed in the "Forest Home" cemetery of Milwaukee. Many of the mounds in this region are of large extent; chiefly from one hundred to four hundred feet in diameter, and are laid out in fanciful forms, resembling the figures of the turtles, lizards, birds, the otter and buffalo; not a few have the form of a war-club. In some instances one mound is elevated so as to overlook or command many others, which has led to the conjecture of its being either an observatory, or more probably, an altar mound for sacrificial or religious rites.

At Sheboygan and Manitowoc, similar antiquities are found, though to a smaller extent. Many bear resemblance to simple breast-works for defence, being about four feet in height, and twelve feet broad at the base.

On leaving the lake shore, fine remains are to be found on the borders of the interior waters of Wisconsin. On the Fox or Pishtaka river, are several interesting localities—one a little north of west from Chicago, where were counted, on the brow of a hill, twenty-seven mounds from one to four and a half feet in height, and from fifteen to twenty-five feet long. The principal points of interest on the Pishtaka are at or near Waukesha, where have been disinterred many pipes and specimens of pottery, and in the neighborhood of the village of Pewaukee, where is a remarkable collection of lizard and turtle mounds—one having a length of four hundred and fifty feet.

The basin of Rock river with its tributaries, is, perhaps, exceeded by no part of the North-West in the interesting character of these Aboriginal remains. Without particularizing those found a few miles above Fulton, where the river expands into a beautiful lake, abounding in fish, a natural attraction to the Red Man, it may be worth while to notice more at length, the very remarkable remains found at what has been termed the "ancient city of Aztalan." This locali-