

Turtle mounds are found on the borders of Silver Lake, near summit of Lake Koshkonong, Lake Monona, Lake Mendota, Horicon Lake, Green Lake, Lake Winnebago, and Ripley Lake; also at Mayville, at Hartland, at Crawfordsville, and many other places. In all localities where they have been observed, they occupy similar positions, the summit of some bluff or ridge of land, generally overlooking some stream or lake, valley, swamp or prairie, and would seem to have been used as observatories. At Green Lake a turtle was discovered by the writer in a peculiar position and attitude. It was on the edge of a little stream, its head on the summit of the bank, but its body on the bank itself, and tail extending almost to the stream. In its attitude, it resembled a turtle just crawling out of the water toward the top of the bank, where it was sunning itself. The resemblance was very striking, but it is the only place where the turtle has been seen by the writer in any such a position. A modified form of the turtle effigy is presented in a mound which has similar features, viz.: a body with projecting legs, without tail, and is generally very prominent. Judging from its position, we should say that it was often used as an altar mound. One such mound may be seen on Plate I, Fig. 3, just below the observatory mound, guarded by the effigy of the wolf, and panther, and by the catfish. From its position it gives the idea that it was very sacred, and hence we judge it may have been a sacrificial mound. A mound resembling this in shape was opened by Prof. Nicodemus, and found to contain bones, ashes and fragments of cloth. The remains of it may still be seen on the summit of the ridge near Lake Wingra.

2. Another common form is the effigy of a four-footed animal resembling the panther, though some call it the mountain lion, or tiger. The best specimen of it is found at Waukesha. This has been described by Dr. Lapham.<sup>1</sup> Similar effigies were described by Dr. Lapham, and called by him lizard mounds, situated amid a group composed of turtles, birds and other shapes. On a ridge near the Great Bend of the Fox River, several wolf effigies are now existing. The attitude is very expressive, the form imposing, and they are nearly all of large size. Two such mounds

<sup>1</sup> See Lapham's *Antiquities*, p. 24.