

Prætorian Barracks, and after about an hour's walk found themselves at their destination.

The Prætorian Barracks are in the line of the wall of the city which was made to enclose them. All that remains of them at this day is this enclosing portion of the city wall. This wall is undoubtedly as old as the time of the Emperor Severus, and perhaps may reach back to that of the twelve Cæsars. Other portions of the city wall have been demolished at different times, and rebuilt during different ages, but the fame of this enclosure is so peculiar that it is beyond a doubt the same wall unchanged that was first erected here under the emperors. The wall is built of those small bricks peculiar to many ancient edifices in Rome. It is between thirty and forty feet high, and in it there are arched chambers resembling the bomb-proof casemates of modern fortifications. These chambers once formed the barracks of the Prætorian Guards, and there were, undoubtedly, other edifices in the neighborhood giving larger accommodation.

This was the place which David and Clive had wished to visit and inspect. The sight of it in part disappointed them, while it in part gratified them. They were disappointed at finding no vestiges of barracks, except such chambers as had been built in the city wall itself, while they were gratified at finding so many of these chambers in that enclosure.