

MIRACLE OF  
OLD MEXICO.

Wonderfully impressive is the sight of the old, old Mexican town of Guadalupe, where the marvelous picture of the virgin was enshrined before the pilgrims landed at Plymouth rock, says the Chicago Chronicle. There is about the place an atmosphere breathing the perfume of the old and quiet days that is not destroyed by the advent of the introduction of the electric cars by the strenuous northerners whose ideas of progress are beginning to work like a leaven in this land of the dreamy south. Around this town of Guadalupe there linger memories of bygone times, times when the people of the great northern republic were struggling, a feeble fringe of humanity against the insupportable clime and barbarous foes for a foothold on the continent that furnish food for dreams all the days of a tranquil existence. From away back of that comparatively modern time only 300 years or so ago there come visions to the dreamer of the teeming multitudes of people who lived and died under the same high arching blue sky and who toiled over the same hills and valleys to a shrine of that older race just as their successors in the country do now. For the place where the millions of pious Mexicans go on pilgrimage to the holiest place in the land, once beheld the shrine of the ancient Aztec's mother of the gods, and they, too, paid homage here hundreds of years before the coming of the Spaniards and the teachers of the Christian faith.

It was nearly four centuries ago, or, to be precise, on the morning of Dec. 9, 1531, that Juan Diego, a poor Indian on his way to mass in the Church of Santiago Tlatelcoico, heard near the Hill of Tlapacalc, rising behind the site of the splendid church, the music of an angelic choir. Then and there did appear to him a lovely lady, who addressed him in his own tongue, bidding him to go to the bishop and tell the prelate that she desired that in that place a temple should be built to her. Juan felt on his knees as the lady, clothed in celestial splendor, spoke to him and when the vision had passed he arose and went to the bishop, Juan Zumarraga, who, while approving the faith of the Indian, was unable to believe in the reality of the vision. Again Juan went to the hill, where the lady appeared to him and listened to the tale of the bishop's incredulity. She commanded Juan to return once more and he did so on the following Sunday, when the lady for the third time appeared and directed the Indian to tell the bishop of her wish. Again did Juan Diego go to the bishop, who was still hard of heart and unbelieving, and, desiring a sign which should convince him, told the Indian to bring him some evidence of the truth of his marvelous tale.

The Indian, in all faith, went back to find the lady of his vision, watched unbeknown to him by two servants of the bishop. When Juan Diego was again at the base of the hill he disappeared as by enchantment; the spies could see nothing, and when the vision again came to distract him from his holy errand, the Indian took a new path. But once more the lady appeared and called him in his own language. He explained the urgency of his errand, but she told him he need not fear for his uncle, who was now cured! Then the lady commanded Juan to cut some flowers on that dry and arid hill, where no flowers had ever been before known to grow. Amazed, the Indian noted that flowers abounded all around him, and he gathered some, filling as directed, his tilma, or shawl, with them. "Take the flowers to the bishop," said the wondrous lady, "and show them to no one else before he sees them."

Juan Diego hastened to the city and stood with Indian's patience at the door till the prelate appeared. Then was the bishop astonished, for when the flowers fell from the tilma there was revealed painted thereon the image of the virgin.

The bishop, retaining the tilma, sent Juan Diego to his home, accompanied by two servants, and arriving there, the sick uncle was found miraculously restored to health.

Here were miracles enough, and, convinced at last, good Bishop Zumarraga ordered that a chapel be built in the spot where the virgin had appeared to John Diego, and in February, 1532, the miraculous image of our lady was here enshrined and Juan Diego and his uncle became servants in the chapel.

And what is this marvelous picture to which Catholic Mexico bows with reverential faith? Two or three times the glass before it has been removed and the painting examined by Mexican painters and they have reported that they were unable to decide whether it was done in distemper, water color or oil. It is marvelously executed on the tilma, which is made of coarse textile fiber. Whatever be the process, it is still a puzzle to the faithful and skeptics alike. Two Americans, high in the favor of the Mexican church, have been permitted to take a ladder and ascend to view the picture and have reported that they could not explain the process by which it was made.

It is not an article of faith to believe in the authenticity of the alleged miracle. Many enlightened Catholics here frankly say they do not believe in the legend. The Roman Catholic historian Senor Izalbarreta, in a report made to the late Archbishop Labastida Davalos, declared that the legend was pure fabrication, that there never was any such apparition nor any Juan Diego, and that the picture was painted by some artist and used with intent to deceive.

Thus the skepticism and scientific incredulity meet in our day the belief of Bishop Zumarraga on first hearing Juan Diego's story. But the pilgrims, especially the humble Indians, believe, and believing, gain great store of faith and happiness; the sick are healed of their infirmities; and men and women are spiritually helped to overcome sin or filled with sweet assurance of heavenly aid and in their daily battle with the spirit of evil.

The church stands at the foot of the steep hill on the spot where the virgin appeared to Juan Diego. First Bishop Zumarraga built a chapel, then that was enlarged and at the beginning of the seventeenth century a church was built and dedicated in November, 1522, two years after the pilgrim landed on Plymouth. Next, in 1685, another church was built, a noble structure, which was practically completed in the autumn of 1885. The reconstruction of the former basilica.

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