

Utah Man Visits the Famous Milta Ruins in Mexico



SCULPTURED NORTH WALLS OF MILTA RUINS.

HALL OF THE MONOLITHS AT MILTA.

ROOM OF THE MOSIAC IN MILTA RUINS.

Special Correspondence.
TOURING Mexico, without seeing the Ruins of Milta, would be like visiting Utah, without seeing the "Mormon" Temple and Tabernacle, or California, without going to the Yosemite valley; hence the writer, accompanied by a representative of the Mexican Central railway, and Senor Ricardo Soli, an eminent Mexican attorney, left the quaint old City of Oaxaca for Milta at 1 p. m., Oct. 25 last, in a buggy, taking a southeasterly direction over a somewhat rough road, but through a fine agricultural district, nearly level, and dotted with native towns, haciendas and dwellings. There is also a railroad building, and some seven miles in operation, from Oaxaca via Milta to the Pacific coast, but we preferred to drive the entire distance.

About 8 p. m. we arrived at Senor Don Felix Quere's hotel, Milta—an excellent up-to-date Mexican hacienda. The host extended us a cordial welcome. After securing our rooms and

an excellent supper, we procured a Moya for guide and lanterns, and took up our march through the narrow streets of the little village of Milta, towards the ruins. Scores of barking dogs joined the procession, and the natives poked their heads out of their shacks to greet us. We soon reached the bed of what appeared to be a large river, judging by the chasm and ruins of bridges across it, but now only a smallbrook. Crossing this, there are more native dwellings built upon the ruins of an ancient city, parts of which are now and then to be seen. The ruins of the temples were soon reached.

We entered the building, in best state of preservation, and as I stood there in the dim light of the lanterns, gazing upon these beautiful and extensive works of the aborigines of this continent, over 2,000 years old; an inspiration rested upon me that I shall never forget. It was the spirit of testimony and revelation to a greater extent than I had ever before experienced, relative to the authenticity of the Book of Mormon and God's dealings with the ancestors of the degenerated and humble "peons," who were near me. I felt that we stood upon ground, and in the midst of buildings that had been dedicated and used for ages in the worship of the true and

living God. My heart was filled with gratitude to Him, who directed the ancients in building temples and He, who has again, in this generation, revealed, through the restoration of the Everlasting Gospel by the Prophet Joseph Smith, this important work, in connection with the salvation of mankind.

I realized more fully than ever the magnitude and greatness of the knowledge revealed to the Latter-day Saints, and the dense ignorance of the world upon these subjects.

After two hours' inspection of these ruins, in a general way, we returned to the hacienda and retired, but for me there was no sleep, as the beautiful panorama of ancient and modern history continued passing before my vision until morning.

Early the next morning we were off for the ruins again, armed with compass, tape-line, etc., accompanied by the Mexican government official in charge of the ruins, moya, and several women and children having Aztec relics for sale.

The main court of the temple reached, which is now uncovered and its cement floor cleaned by the government, is a perfect square 25.55 meters each side, true to the cardinal points of the compass, and surrounded on all four sides by what appears to have been build-

ings, but the one on the east side is in the best state of preservation (see photo No. 1), part of the south building is also intact, but the north and west are crumbled into dust above the surface.

The east temple is reached by ascending from the above court, 12 broad stone steps, and through three doorways into a large room, the ceiling or roof of which is gone, but six massive single stone columns, nearly seven feet in diameter, and 12 feet high, remain standing down through the center of the hall, indicating that they once supported a roof (see photo No. 2).

Other single stones in the structure measure from 12 to 18 feet long, 4 to 6 feet wide and 1 to 2 feet thick.

From this room, through the east wall, is a passage, into another room, 8.95 meters by 9.35 meters, its walls true to the compass. In the center of each of its walls were passages to four smaller rectangular rooms, whose walls were covered with thousands of Mosaic cut stones, and some large stones cut the same way, all fitting perfectly without mortar or filling (see photo No. 3).

The rooms were robbed of all furniture, and everything indicating their use; but after having examined this

large room, and the four smaller rectangular ones, connected therewith, their uses were very apparent to me, but I concluded that I would test the knowledge of the present age, and, therefore, asked the intelligent Mexican official in charge for the past three years:

"What are these rooms supposed to have been used for?" He answered, "No one knows, but the popular opinion is that the four smaller rooms are bath-rooms, but the large one in the center, is a mystery." I said, "That's right, the small rooms have been used for 'Washings and Anointings,' and the large one has some day contained a baptismal font, as indicated by marks in the center, which all temples contain, built by Divine direction." I told him I had been in modern temples built by the same directions, and very much like this, in many respects, and especially in the department in which we stood. I also told him of the builders of these temples, his ancestors, and the hand dealings of God with them, etc. He was astonished and remembered that I had shed more light upon this mystery than he had ever heard of, and he asked, "Where do you hail from, senor, and what is your source of information?" I handed him my card (residence, Logan, Utah), as I registered in his official record,

and promised to send him a copy of the Book of Mormon, which would give him some light upon the subject. He said he would report the information I had given him to his superiors.

We also entered two underground passages, under these temples, supposed to have been tombs. Their directions are true to cardinal points of the compass, and about four feet wide and five to six feet high, built of large cut stone, no mortar, in which occasionally, the ceiling drops down to two or three feet, and "every knee must bow," in order to proceed.

The number and extent of these passages or tombs is yet unknown, but search and excavation is going on.

On the hill, to the northeast, is another temple of similar pattern, but upon the ruins of which a Catholic church has been erected, mainly from the stones thereof, and hence been defaced, and to a great extent robbed of its grandeur, but still upon the inner walls of the east building thereof, now used as a corral and stable, are numerous hieroglyphics in red and black paint as plain as if painted recently, but which undoubtedly has been there for over 2,000 years.

In the town below has recently been found a tomb—long used as a corn bin, below the ground, and built like the

"bath rooms." Looking to the north, as we descended the hill to the town, was seen a "pyramid," now covered with earth and vegetation. To the west and south, indications of old ruins can be seen, and on the Hacienda de Yaga, joining Milta, on the south, there are more ruins, and underground passages, which have not been prospected.

Volumes could be written upon these ancient cities and their edifices, which time and more development may prove to be only one large city; but time and space will not permit. When the Spaniards found them in the sixteenth century, they were the same as today, and no one except believers in the Book of Mormon have any knowledge of their builders and inhabitants. But all admit that they were built by accomplished artists and architects, backed by a highly civilized and wealthy people, also that the builders were succeeded by a much inferior race, who robbed and ruined these ancient cities before the Spaniards arrived here. The methods used in conveying, for miles, over high mountain ranges, those huge stones, weighing many tons, is a mystery, even to modern engineers and scientists. There are no such stone quarries in the Milta valley.

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ENGLISH AS SHE IS JAPPED ON THE BUSINESS SIGNS OF TOKIO.



HABERDASHER'S SIGN IN TOKYO.
 Nowa-days many business signs in the larger Japanese cities are lettered partly in English and partly in the native script. The sign here, with pictured, from a photograph made in Tokyo by a recent visitor, is a combination of that nature over the entrance to a haberdashery in the capital.

SIGN OF A LEATHER GOODS SHOP.
 A leather goods emporium on the same street bears the legend, "Journey for Trunk Baggage and Shoes." English as "she" is spoke and wrote" by the Japanese is a delectable novelty for tourists and English speaking residents. This ludicrous combination is most apparent near the mission compounds.

TONSorial ARTIST'S SIGN.
 Proceeding half a block, one comes in contact with a barber's bid for custom after the fashion herewith shown. Another sign on the same shop reads, "Hygiene and Art Special Believe Barber."

A FASHIONABLE BAKESHOP.
 One of the most prosperous bakers in Tokyo may be found at the sign shown in the cut. "Confectionery" and "biscuits" are easily deciphered, but "spence cake" is a puzzle which is not so encouraging. The proprietor of the shop believes that he has mastered the English language and literature.

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