

VIII. WESTERN DIVISION -- 1,000 Miles.

Arizona and California to Los Angeles, 826 ms. The old mission works in California continued northward beyond San Francisco.

The Santa Cruz Valley in Arizona, Tucson to Nogales, 86.6 ms., was a western entrance from Old Mexico into the Spanish Southwest. The old missions, San Xavier (1692) and Tumacacori, older, are there, two of the most remarkable churches ever built in a wilderness.

In Arizona and California were the last of the works of the Spaniard, and the most numerous of those amazing communal establishments, the old Franciscan missions built a day's journey apart, the first at San Diego in 1769.

In Arizona, too, Coronado in 1540, with an expedition worthy of a king's ransom, searched for the Cities of Gold. He pushed his search for three years through northern Texas and on to northeastern Kansas, then returned a broken man.