

## IZAMAL.

By the present Time Table, issued by the United Railway Company of Yucatan, a daily train leaves the Mejorada Station, in Merida, at 4.40 p. m., but investigation should be made to see that no alteration has been made, as Time Tables are susceptible of change without notice. The train going directly due East for 67 kilometres, or say 50 miles, arrives at Izamal in an hour and three quarters, but as far back, as Euan, another Station on the road, 30 kilometres from Merida, the ruins or rather mounds at Izamal are to be seen from the car windows, in fact they are not lost sight of for the rest of the journey. The Izamal Station is less than a mile from the town, but vehicles are in waiting to take you there. Presuming you have brought your hammock with you, you are independent, although creature comforts and accommodation can be obtained at P. Bautista's Restaurant, on the Plaza.

History tells us that Izamal is the oldest city on the Peninsula, dating back fully two thousand years, although a Mr. Manuel A. Lanz in his recently published History of Campeche is not satisfied with Izamal being of, comparatively speaking, so recent an origin, boldly affirming instead, that the place was founded three thousand, two hundred and ninety one years before the Christian era.

While having no authority to enable us to challenge this apparently reckless treatment of centuries, it is difficult to understand upon what basis he establishes his erudite assertion; but whatever the actual date really was, we read that the place had once an immensely imposing appearance, when its original twenty seven hand made mounds were in their pristine and perfect state, but as what has been left is so different, it is naturally difficult to form an idea of its magnificence, that at one time did unquestionably exist.

Megalithic stones, some measuring six feet long four feet broad, and over a foot thick which once formed the