INTERVENTIONS ON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

This issue is centered on several interventions on buildings that belong to the Spanish architectural patrimony.

Number 226 of ARQUITECTURA was already dedicated to the National Awards of Restoration and this new issue tries to amplify the prospect they started.

The editorial puts forward that there is no real need of specialization to face future works stating that they are simply WOrks of Architecture. Many well-known Spanish architects who had never been commissioned by the Government for this task have now been incorporated into this area due to a different official policy.

If this new policy may represent a refreshment in the ways the national Patrimony was being treated, at the same time these architects will be enabled to get in touch by "new means" with the history of architecture. This thesis is well represented by the phrase of the editorial: "Designing with stone and wood is good because it echoes the techniques that are on the base of the actual ones, because it teaches what is immutable in construction, but, first of all, because it evidences that all Architecture is today's architecture".

In this section are published the works of the following architects: Manuel and Ignacio de las Casas, on Toledo's cathedral, Manuel Barbero on the nunneries of "Las Bernardas" in Alcalá de Henares, Jordi Garcia and Enric Soria's transformation of an Asylum into a Museum and finally Javier Vellés project of restoration of the walls of the Island of Tabarca.

Under another section, "Documents", his part of this issue is completed with the studies of the foundations of Toledo's cathedral by Guido Conrad and those of the very old Asturian church of Teverga by Fernando Nanclares, Nieves Ruiz and Juan González Moriyón.

PALLADIO IN MENORCA?

About land planning in Spain during the second half of the 18th century.

By Carlos Sambricio.

Around the celebration of the fourth centenary of the death of Andrea Palladio many historians of different countries started the hard and difficult task of searching the relations with Palladio's work in the most hidden and strange places of the world. Just in this way — they imagined — they could state that the master's lessons had been learned. Their efforts were rewarded by the discovery of certain palladian formal references which were turned into an erudite text where the documentation completed the publication.

More like entomologists than architectural historians, the Spaniards have learned that Palladio landed once upon a time in the Mediterranean Isle of Menorca — conducted by the English after having carefully eluded the Iberian peninsula — and that in this hidden exile his architecture was correctly understood.

Disagreeing of this vision based in the comparison between formal elements forgetting the problems that Palladio's work encloses, Carlos Sambricio looks, once again to this menorquín architect of the record half of the 18th century from another point of view.

REPETITION IN MODERN ARCHITECTURE/2

JUAN ANTONIO CORTES and MARIA TERESA MUÑOZ

The record part of the article started in our later issue continues through the works of Ludwig Hilberseimer and Le Corbusier evidencing the paradox of the problem of repetition in modern Architecture.

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