

To the present reviewer it seems, however, that its value would be enhanced by a discreet use of descriptive and possibly evaluative annotation to supplement the general principles upon which selection is based. Some help is afforded by translating into French titles in the less generally known languages, Polish, Hungarian, Russian, etc.

And a full list of abbreviations adopted might be included in each issue to facilitate use.

Personal and geographical indexes complete the volume.

It may be of interest to students of American history to note that under the heading America in the "Geographisches Register" are cited about 116 books and articles.

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*Handbook of Latin American Studies. A selective guide to the material published in 1937 on Anthropology, Art, Economics, Education, Folklore, Geography, Government, History, International Relations, Law, Language, and Literature.* By a number of scholars. Edited by LEWIS HANKE. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1938. Pp. xv, [3], 635 [2]. \$4.00.)

One of the most difficult tasks confronting an editor of a book of this nature is the organization and coördination of the materials submitted. This problem has been faced with care and courage in the three volumes of the *Handbook* which have appeared. Especially is this third volume an improvement over the two previous ones, and the reviewer feels certain that most readers will agree that Dr. Hanke has presided over his task in a most satisfactory manner and that he has given us a selective guide of great usefulness.

There are, however, a few observations which the reviewer wishes to make concerning this edition of the *Handbook*. Several of the sections include an "Addenda" which contains works published earlier, some items having appeared several years previously. If this practice is continued, the Addenda sections may tend to become unwieldy because of the number of items.

In several instances the items listed in the *Handbook* are chapters in books, rather than the books themselves. To some persons this may seem a waste of space, and if carried too far it may become a serious problem both of selection and of justification.

In a review of the previous volume it was suggested that at the top of each page or double page should be placed the numbers of the first and last items on the page as a means of a more rapid location

of items when the index is used. This change has not yet been made although the reviewer understands that it was contemplated.

Because this guide is definitely selective the citation of omissions may seem pedantic. But the reviewer believes that the student would be benefited if the following English works (not to mention several in other languages) were included: G. A. Peabody, *South American Journals, 1858-1859*; M. Storm, *The Life of St. Rose*; The Royal Institute of International Affairs, *The Republics of South America*; A. V. Chávez, *Contemporary Mexican Art*; Carlos Chávez, *Toward a New Music*; L. G. Obregón, *The Streets of Mexico*; Edna W. Underwood, *The Poets of Haiti*; T. White, *Puerto Rico and its People*; D. M. McNicol, *The Amerindians*; H. U. Doering, *Old Peruvian Art*; J. C. Oswald, *Printing in the Americas*; J. D. Falconer, *The Gondwana System of Northeastern Uruguay*; G. Mason and R. Carroll, *Mexican Gallop*; Du Boise, *Skies and Andes*; and J. H. Jackson, *Notes on a Drum*.

Speaking of the differences between this volume and that for 1936, the editor says in his Introduction:

"In addition to the selections included last year, the present volume contains new sections on Brazilian Art and on Language (Spanish America), presided over by Robert C. Smith, Jr., and Leavitt O. Wright respectively. Other sections have been subdivided so that now M. B. Lourenço Filho is responsible for Brazilian items in the Education section, France V. Scholes looks after the South American part of the Spanish American Colonial History section, and Francisco Aguilera is the poetry editor in the Spanish American Literature section. Alfred Métraux is the new editor for South American Ethnology, and J. Lloyd Meham is now co-editor of the section on government."

Not the least important part of the contents of the *Handbook* have been the special articles and notes. In this edition these occupy about a fourth of the space and deal especially with Brazil in commemoration of the centenary of the founding of the Instituto Historico e Geographico Brasileiro, at Rio de Janeiro, to which organization this volume is properly dedicated.

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