

*Diócesis y obispos de la iglesia mexicana, 1519-1939.* By JOSÉ BRAVO UGARTE, S.J. (Mexico, D. F.: "Buena Prensa," 1941. Pp. 99. Illus., paper.)

Many books and articles of a historical character and varying degrees of usefulness were published in 1940 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Society of Jesus. Among them this volume by Bravo Ugarte is a compilation of data regarding the structural history of the church in Mexico. It includes such material as the date of establishment of the dioceses, the bishops appointed, the dates of their service, and the number of parishes in each diocese at different times. Possibly the most useful section is that which lists the names of the parishes included in the present-day bishoprics. The book, therefore, will serve as a reference work; it does not pretend to contain any evaluation or synthesis of the materials presented.

The bibliography, of about 120 items, has the same character. It is composed primarily of sources, such as official collections of papal bulls, from which the author extracted names and dates. Use was also made of local church archives, especially that of the Archbishopric of Guadalajara.

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*Los Jesuítas en Venezuela.* By MONSEÑOR NICOLÁS E. NAVARRO. (Caracas: Tipografía Americana, 1940. Pp. 77.)

This brief study of the history of the Jesuits in Venezuela, published on the fourth centenary of the foundation of the order, is concerned primarily with the colonial period. The author recognizes the slight activity of the Jesuits in Venezuela as compared to their work in Mexico, Paraguay, and certain other divisions of the Spanish Empire. He gives attention to their missionary efforts on the upper Orinoco, paying high tribute to the intellectual contributions of two of these Jesuit missionaries, Gumilla, author of *El Orinoco ilustrado*, and the Italian, Gili, who wrote *Saggio di Storia Americana*; and discusses briefly the establishment of the colleges of Caracas, Maracaibo, and Mérida. There are five documents in the Appendix, three of them on the founding of the college in Caracas.

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