

The Library of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau coöperated in the preparation of the recently published second edition of the *Union List of Serials in Libraries of the United States and Canada* (New York: The H. W. Wilson Company, 1943). The *Union List* complements the publication under review by indicating the extent of files for many of these journals in the Library of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Special librarians and scholars are especially indebted to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for providing this commendable research tool.

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*Disquisiciones bibliográficas. Autores, libros, bibliotecas, artes gráficas.* By JUAN B. IGUINIZ. (Mexico: El Colegio de México, Fondo de Cultura Económica, 1943. Pp. 310. 5 pesos.)

Almost half a century of patient toil among the rich libraries and documentary deposits of Mexico and personal acquaintance with the outstanding collectors, bibliographers, and bibliophiles of his country have given the author a fund of knowledge rarely attained. The bibliographer, the scholar, and the bibliophile, as well as the historian, will find data of inestimable value gathered in the pages of these disquisitions and will feel indebted to the author for having recorded them in this permanent and more accessible form. In anecdotal style at times, but always in the most charming and lucid Spanish, he has given us a series of short essays, excursions one might say, into forgotten or little known fields of research, bringing to mind men, places, books, periodicals, famous libraries and incidents in the development of the graphic arts in Mexico.

The essays are divided into four groups: Authors, Books and Periodicals, Libraries, Graphic Arts. In the first Señor Iguiniz has included fifteen biographical sketches from Padre Ripalda, the famous Jesuit theologian of the last half of the sixteenth century, to Genaro Estrada, bibliophile, bibliographer and patron of arts and letters of our own day.

In the second group he has given us a vast fund of information in seven essays on books and periodicals which include rare and valuable data on the famous *Biblia Complutense*; the *Escala Espiritual*, the first book printed in Mexico, concerning which so much has been said and written; and a revealing and most interesting account of the equally controversial question of the much discussed *Carta* of

García Icazbalceta, regarding the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to mention only a few of them.

In the third group, of particular interest to the librarians, and of no small value to the historian and research worker, he includes four essays on libraries: Libraries of Mexico, the Palafox Library of Puebla, the Library of the Cathedral of Mexico, and the National Library, replete with facts which, although found in other sources, are here brought together and critically evaluated.

The fourth group consists of two short essays on the printing press in Mexico during the period of Spanish domination, and the printing press in Guadalajara.

The author explains that a good many of the essays put together in this volume had been previously published in the ephemeral reviews and newspapers of Mexico, where those who have had experience know it is next to impossible to find them. But the author has brought up to date the data in the original publication, revising the essays where more recent investigations have thrown new light on the subject.

To the antiquarian, as well as to the historian, the bibliophile, and the collector, this volume is indispensable. To those who love to stray through unfrequented paths and to revisit historical epochs in the fascinating field of Mexican culture, *Disquisiciones bibliográficas* will prove a veritable treasure trove.

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*Anuario bibliográfico mexicano de 1940: catálogo de catálogos e índice de periódicos de 1941-42.* Compilados por JULIÁN AMO. [Serie bibliografías mexicanas.] (Mexico: Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, Departamento de Información para el Extranjero, 1942. Pp. 316.)

As stated in the preliminary notice, the Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores resumes with the present publication its series of bibliographical annuals. The last, covering publications of 1939, was prepared by the former Asociación de Libreros de México. Previous annuals as noted are as follows: 1888, prepared and published by Luis González Obregón; 1931, 1932 and 1933, by Felipe Teixidor; 1938, 1939 and 1940 (incomplete) by Francisco Gamoneda.

The material contained in the present volume is arranged as follows: