

*Bulnes, 1799-1866.* By ALFONSO BULNES. [Colección Buen Aire, 75.] (Buenos Aires: Emecé Editores, S. A. [Talleres Gráficos de Alfonso Ruiz & Cía.], 1946. Pp. 120. Photographs and illustrations. Pasteboard. \$3.50 m/n.)

Alfonso Bulnes has sketched the life of his famous ancestor, General<sup>1</sup> Manuel Bulnes Prieto, victor of Yungay and third president of Chile, for the Argentine Colección Buen Aire. The booklet makes no attempt to be a carefully weighted biography but rather aims at conveying an impression of the personality and character of an iron man of conservatism. Accordingly General Bulnes' years as president are passed over in a few paragraphs whereas his ancestry and early career receive much fuller treatment. Perhaps the most interesting passages relate the origins of the Bulnes family in Oviedo province, Spain, and the destruction of their ancestral home in 1937.

The publishers have issued an attractively printed and illustrated booklet.

Washington, D. C.

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*O negro na Bahia.* By LUIZ VIANNA FILHO. (Rio de Janeiro: Livraria José Olympio Editora, 1946. Pp. 163.)

A great deal has been written about the Negro race in Brazil, and for that reason it might well appear at first sight that the present book is unnecessary. It happens, however, that Luiz Vianna Filho has produced in *O negro na Bahia* an original work, since in order to write it he combed unused regional archives, especially that of the Prefeitura of Baía. It may further be said, in assessing the value of the present work, that its author corrects mistakes of well-known authorities and that he makes evident the significance of the Negro contingent in the development of Brazilian civilization, especially in Baía, in both the ethnic and the social senses. In short, Luiz Vianna Filho's book, rich in statistical data and personal observations, is a study in regional history and sociology that has won from Gilberto Freyre, one of Brazil's greatest sociologists, the most laudatory comments.

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*Relaciones diplomáticas entre España y los Estados Unidos según los documentos del Archivo Histórico Nacional.* Volumen II, *Indices.* By MIGUEL GÓMEZ DEL CAMPILLO. [Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Instituto Gonzálo Fernández de Oviedo.] (Madrid: C. Bermejo, Impresor, 1945 [1946]. Pp. 665. Paper.)

Volume I of this publication, printed in 1944, was a catalogue of the *legajos* in the Archivo Histórico Nacional, Sección de Estado (Depart-

ment of State, or Foreign Office) grouped into two series: (1) *expedientes* or *dossiers* on special subjects chronologically arranged, 1740-1800; (2) correspondence of the Spanish diplomatic representatives in the United States, and of the governors and intendants of Louisiana with the *secretario de estado*, 17-851800 (with one *legajo* from the governor of San Agustín, 1784-1800, and one from the governor of Natchez, 1789-1797), also chronologically arranged. A few of the documents in these *expedientes* carry over into the nineteenth century.

Volume II, the present volume, published in 1946, more than fulfils the desire expressed in the review\* of Volume I in this journal for a comprehensive book index. It goes beyond the usual alphabetical index to names and subjects; it also provides a chronological listing by date and archival designation, with a serial number for each document, of each and every piece contained in all the *legajos* catalogued in Volume I, with a notation of the authorship and the person or office to which it is directed, and whether it is an original, or copy, or duplicate, or triplicate copy, etc. A total of 9,600 numbered documents are thus listed, the first dating from the year 1737, the last from the year 1857; but the first 8,763 documents relate to years before 1801. With both the chronological and the alphabetical index now in hand the investigator can quickly locate all the material in the Archivo Histórico Nacional bearing on the relations between the United States and Spain for the period covered. No fuller cataloguing or listing of a *fonds* can be devised. Let us hope that Señor Gómez del Campillo will carry his cataloguing and indexing of this collection, so important to the diplomatic history of the United States and of Spain, as far as possible down into the nineteenth century.

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*Recommended Readings on Florida. A Standard Guide to the Best Books on Florida with Helpful and Critical Evaluations.* By A. J. HANNA. (Winter Park, Florida: Union Catalog of Floridiana, 1945. Pp. 64. \$1.25.)

This is a list of superior books on many aspects of Florida's life and history designed "not only to suggest the best that has been written on Florida . . . [but] also, to stimulate broader interest in Florida's background of more than four centuries." For the student and general reader the author (*Flight into Oblivion, A Prince in Their Midst, The St. Johns*) has selected the works of permanent value and arranged them in a balanced guide under the following headings: indispensable books, biography, children's books, conservation, description, education, ex-

\* XXVI (November, 1946), 535-537.