

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-

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ploration, fiction, industries, inter-American relations, nature, regional and local areas, religion, settlement, sports and recreation, war and reconstruction. Other sections include maps and charts, a miscellaneous grouping of works on Indians and folklore, newspapers, periodicals, state and federal publications. A full index at the end adds to the thoroughness of this little book.

Not merely a catalogue but a critical evaluation, the book contains quotations directly from competent reviewers for very many of the titles, and for most of the others the author gives his own criticism. Each section begins with an explanation of the importance of the writings in that field.

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Doctoral Dissertations Accepted by American Universities, 1945-46. (Number 13). Edited by ARNOLD H. TROTIER. [The Association of Research Libraries.] (New York: H. W. Wilson Company, 1946. Pp. xiii, 71. Statistical tables. \$1.50.)

This volume contains a list of 1,708 doctoral dissertations in eighty-four colleges and universities in the United States. This figure is larger than the number of dissertations for 1945 (1,576) and about half the number of those published in 1941 (3,526). Since there is no classification to show the number and nature of dissertations published in the field of Latin-American affairs, the following tabulation based on examination of titles will be of interest to readers of this REVIEW. There are thirty-four dissertations dealing with Latin America and the Spanish background in the following fields:

1. Philosophy: Spain (Columbia University, 1), (University of Toronto, 1)
2. Geology: Bolivia (University of Arizona, 1); Colombia (University of California, 1); British West Indies (Princeton University, 1)
3. Entomology: Mexico (University of Kansas, 1)
4. Anthropology: Chile (Hartford Seminary, 1); Brazil (North-western, 1)
5. Economics: Mexico (University of Chicago, 1); Bolivia (Harvard University, 1); South America (University of Illinois, 1)
6. Education: Puerto Rico (Fordham University, 1); Central and South America (New York University, 1)
7. History (Colonial and National Periods): Argentina (University of California, 1); Colombia (University of Chicago, 1); Mexico (University of Michigan, 1), (Southern California, 1); Chile (University of Texas, 1)