

The exception, *Mi última lección*, from which the title of the book is taken, is a short selection containing three almost independent subjects. One is "the greatest misfortune of the War of Independence," identified as the early rivalry between O'Higgins and Carrera. Another includes additional evidence disclosing the part played by O'Higgins in the death of his rival, Carrera, in 1821. Finally, there is a description of the personal property holdings of O'Higgins, his attempt, with José de San Martín, to send funds to Europe as security against the day of personal misfortune, and the burdensome and abusive tax and confiscatory program of the O'Higgins government in Chile.

None of these topics is developed extensively in this short article. With the exception of three brief letters that are published to give support to the well-known fact that O'Higgins actively sought Carrera's death, most of the material is drawn from the standard works of such historians as Diego Barros Arana, Benjamín Vicuña Mackenna, and Mariano Felipe Paz Soldán.

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El pensamiento vivo de Andrés Bello. Presentado por GERMÁN ARCINIEGAS. [Biblioteca del pensamiento vivo.] (Buenos Aires: Editorial Losada, 1946. Pp. 214. Paper. \$4.00 m/arg.)

The Editorial Losada has made another notable contribution to the wider diffusion of knowledge concerning an outstanding leader of Latin-American thought. This thirty-second volume of the series is the sixth to be devoted to a Latin American. While Arciniegas has added nothing to fundamental knowledge concerning Bello, his brilliant introductory essay adds greatly to our appreciation of the many-sidedness of the man, while his careful selection of excerpts to represent different aspects of the thought of Bello results in an excellent introduction to his works.

In some respects the present volume duplicates the more scholarly work of Gabriel Méndez Plancarte (*Andrés Bello; prólogo del doctor Gabriel Méndez Plancarte*. . . [Mexico City: Secretaría de Educación Pública, 1943. Pp. 197]). But this work is different enough in scope to make a useful supplement to the other.

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Homens de Minas. By PEDRO RACHE. (Rio de Janeiro: Livraria José Olympio Editôra, 1947. Pp. 226. Illustrations. Paper.)

In 1907 a young engineer who was on the wrong side of the political fence in his own state of Rio Grande do Sul appealed to Afonso Pena,