

*Descripción de las Indias.* Crónica sobre el antiguo Perú concebida y escrita entre los años 1560 a 1602 por el padre dominico fray REGINALDO DE LIZARRAGA. Estudio bio-bibliográfico sobre el autor por CARLOS A. ROMERO. Introducción y notas breves por FRANCISCO A. LOAYZA. [Los pequeños grandes libros de historia americana, Serie I, Tomo XII.] (Lima: Librería e Imprenta Domingo Miranda, 1946. Pp. 252. Illustration, facsimiles.)

As an inexpensive students' edition, this version of Lizárraga's *Descripción* is welcome. A short preface by F. A. Loayza explains that the text is from the same source as that used by C. A. Romero in the standard edition of 1907. Romero's foreword of that date is reproduced in entirety, as an "estudio bio-bibliográfico." A half-tone plate reproduces the portrait of Lizárraga in the Recoleta de Domínicos in Santiago de Chile, as well as two facsimiles of the bishop's signature. F. A. Loayza has added six footnotes to the text as used by Romero. Unfortunately this text is corrupt; it is the copy taken in 1735 from the MS in the University Library at Saragossa for González de Barcía. The copy, which Means characterized (*Biblioteca Andina*, 1928, p. 383-384) as "hurried and rather unintelligent labour," was used by Romero in 1907 at the Biblioteca Nacional in Lima: the present edition offers no improvements of textual character. It is regrettable that the Saragossa MS could not have been used. Lizárraga's comments upon pre-Conquest and colonial monuments are of such interest, that a careful textual revision would be most desirable.

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*Monografía de Magallanes: Sesenta años de acción salesiana en el sur 1886-1946.* By LORENZO MASSA, S. S. (Punta Arenas: Escuela Tipográfica del Instituto "Don Bosco," 1945. Pp. 539. Paper.)

This bulky volume is no ordinary monograph. It is, as the compiler and sponsor declare, a memorial to the sacrificial labors of the Salesian Fathers at the forbidding southern tip of South America and a special votive offering to the Ninth National Eucharistic Congress, which was held at Punta Arenas in February, 1946. In addition, it is a combination of commentary and source book for the Province of Magallanes from the days of Magellan to the present time. As such the author mentions the first mass held in the region and touches in detail upon every recorded event in its subsequent ecclesiastical history. These events are summarized or transferred bodily from local or national manuscript sources, together with lists of principal actors—churchly,