

is well known to most readers of this review. Still highly useful as a study of conditions on the Spanish-American frontier in Florida in that era. See particularly chapters ii, v, and vi. No changes have been made in this edition, which appears to have been made from the original plates.

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Incidents of Travel in Central America, Chiapas, and Yucatán. By JOHN L. STEPHENS. Edited with an introduction and notes by RICHARD L. PREDMORE. (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1949. 2 vols. Pp. xx, 346; xiv, 401. Illustrations. End-paper maps. \$10.00).

This handsome re-edition of a minor classic, long out of print, reflects credit both on the editor and the publishers. The former has added explanatory notes (chiefly to identify places mentioned), has modernized spelling of proper names, and has provided a brief introduction about the author; the latter have done an excellent job of book-making. The reproductions of the original Catherwood illustrations are clear and attractive. The text follows the twelfth (1856) edition which corrected many errors in previous printings. Students and teachers interested in the ancient and in the nineteenth-century history of Central America will no longer have to rely on rapidly deteriorating copies of older editions of this indispensable work.

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Historia de la provincia de Cumaná en la transformación política de Venezuela, desde el día 27 de abril de 1810 hasta el presente año de 1821. By FRANCISCO JAVIER YANES. [Biblioteca Venezolana de Cultura, Colección "Andrés Bello,"] [Ediciones del Ministerio de Educación Nacional, Dirección de Cultura y Bellas Artes.] (Caracas: Imprenta de la Dirección de Cultura, 1949. Pp. 327. Paper.)

A companion piece to the author's *Historia de Margarita*, this volume has even greater importance in that it has preserved, in the form of copies, important documents relating to political developments in eastern Venezuela during the war of independence which would otherwise be unknown. Among these are some relating to the so-called *congresillo de Cariaco*, and to the relations between Bolívar and Mariño. Dr. Hector García Chuecos, the able director of the Archivo Nacional, transcribed and arranged the material in this volume for the press from the original manuscript. The greater part of the book consists of documents which are loosely strung on a narrative thread.

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