

Trimborn, Hermann: *Vergessene Königreiche. Studien zur Völkerkunde und Altertumskunde Nordwest-Kolumbiens* (Carlos G. Maier), pp. 170-172.

West, R. C., *The mining community in northern New Spain* (A. Monzón), pp. 175-177.

The volume closes with obituaries of Leonard Bloomfield (linguist), John M. Cooper (ethnologist), Arturo Ramos (Brazil's great student of the Negro), and Salvador Toscano (known especially for his work on pre-Columbian art in Mexico). Bibliographies of Bloomfield, Cooper, and Ramos are also given.

Volume XII of the *B. B. A. A.* is, in short, more than worthy to stand beside its distinguished predecessors.

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*Historiografia e bibliografia do domínio holandês no Brasil.* By JOSÉ HONÓRIO RODRIGUES. [Ministério da Educação e Saúde, Instituto Nacional do Livro, Coleção B 1, Bibliografia VI.] (Rio de Janeiro: Departamento de Imprensa Nacional, 1949. Pp. xvii, 489. Index. Paper.)

Good bibliographical tools have been notably lacking for the intensive study of Brazilian history. It is therefore encouraging that the year 1949 saw the publication of two important bibliographical works, one general in character and only partly devoted to history (Rubens Borba de Moraes and William Berrien, eds., *Manual bibliográfico de estudos brasileiros*, Rio de Janeiro), and the other special in nature, namely, the volume here under review.

José Honório Rodrigues' *Historiografia e bibliografia do domínio holandês no Brasil* is the first full-scale bibliography of the printed materials available for the study of Brazil's "Dutch Period" ever to appear, and as such its publication is a particularly noteworthy event. Its compiler, who is Professor do Instituto Rio Branco, Diretor da Divisão de Obras Raras e Publicações da Biblioteca Nacional at Rio de Janeiro, and author (with Joaquim Ribeiro) of *Civilização holandesa no Brasil* (São Paulo, 1940), has long been a student of the period in Brazilian history covered by this bibliography and therefore has high qualifications for the task. In bringing out this work, a labor of love which has taken his best energies during the last dozen years, José Honório Rodrigues has given a very significant stimulus to Brazilian colonial studies not only in his own country but everywhere else as well.

As the title indicates, this work is concerned both with the historiography and the bibliography of the Dutch period in Brazil. Part

I, some forty pages long, is devoted to the historiography, and in it the author describes, evaluates, and criticizes the chief writers, both contemporary and modern, who have dealt with the subject. In the main this essay is excellent and more than worth the reading, but in a few places it is sharp in tone and almost contradictory in its judgments. An example of this is the author's discussion of Hermann Wätjen's *Das holländische Kolonialreich in Brasilien* (The Hague and Gotha, 1921). Although in one place (p. 19) he pays tribute to this "magnífica contribuição" and calls it "o melhor trabalho" on the subject, in another (p. 17) he raises grave doubt as to Wätjen's objectivity by speaking of his "costumeira parcialidade." Professor Rodrigues concludes his historiographical section by indicating (pp. 42-44) the sort of work that in the future needs to be done for the development of studies in the Dutch period, stressing particularly the desirability of publishing more manuscript materials from Brazilian, Dutch, and Portuguese archives and the critical editing of rare works now out of print.

The bibliography (Part II), over four hundred pages long, is obviously the heart of this work, and includes 1098 critically annotated items. These, it must be understood, are books, seventeenth-century pamphlets, and articles in learned journals, for manuscripts and iconographic materials are excluded. In the "Explicação" the author stresses the point that this is a selective and not an exhaustive bibliography, and that this is particularly true with regard to periodical articles. The coverage, however, is amazingly good, not only for Brazilian and Portuguese writings but also for those in Dutch and other European languages. The year 1621, when the Twelve Years' Truce between Spain and the Netherlands expired and the Dutch West India Company was founded, is taken as the chronological point of departure, and this is logical enough in the sense that the outright attempt by the Dutch to conquer Brazil was initiated at that time.

The categories into which the materials of this bibliography have been divided may leave something to be desired, but this reviewer confesses that he would find it difficult to devise a more satisfactory and logical organization. Manifestly, the problem is hard when so much and such diverse material is involved. Professor Rodrigues divides his bibliographical section into nine chapters. The first includes works bearing generally upon the subject of Dutch expansion Brazilward, or perhaps more properly, westward, stressing voyages and the history of the formation and vicissitudes of the West India Company; the second, general histories of Brazil, Portugal, Spain, and the Netherlands that provide the European background for, and contain sections on, the Dutch in Brazil; the third, books and articles dealing with the

history of the individual states of Brazil containing material on the Dutch conquest; the fourth, the general histories, classic and modern, specifically and exclusively on the Dutch in Brazil; the fifth, works on the military and naval history of the Dutch conquest, including indirectly related items on the Dutch naval offensive in the Caribbean, the Dutch conquest and Portuguese reconquest of Angola, and the Hendrik Brouwer expedition to Chile; the sixth, the diplomatic histories of the period; the seventh, the economic, social, legal, and religious histories useful for, and relevant to, the subject; the eighth, works on natural history, medicine, ethnography, and art touching the Dutch in Brazil; the ninth, literary history, biographies, and bibliography of bibliographies bearing upon the subject.

Each item in the bibliography is accompanied by a critical note, in which the title of the work is often translated into Portuguese; the subject covered briefly stated; other editions, if any, and whether it has received entry in other bibliographies indicated, and its contribution evaluated. Items are carefully entered. An exception is No. 157, which should read "The Dutch on the Amazon and Negro in the Seventeenth Century." Scattered through the Dutch pamphlet titles are a dozen or more typographical errors. The volume is well printed on good quality paper, and has a number of attractive facsimile illustrations and title pages. There is a useful twenty-two page index.

In conclusion, this is a great contribution to Brazilian and colonial bibliography, and it will be an indispensable guide to all future students of the Dutch in Brazil.

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#### BRIEF MENTION

*Historia de Panamá.* By E. J. CASTILERO and E. J. ARCE. (4th edition; Rosario' Argentina: Tipografía Llorden, S. R. L., 1949. Pp. 173. Paper.) An official text used in the schools of Panama. About one-third of the book is devoted to discovery, conquest, and the colonial period; one-third to the period of union with Colombia; and one-third to the history of the republic, ending, except for a brief reference to the constitution of 1948, with the close of World War II.

*Bibliografía de San Martín.* By the BIBLIOTECA DEL CONGRESO NACIONAL. (Buenos Aires: 1950. Pp. 83. Paper.) A summary listing of books and articles relating to San Martín in the possession of the Biblioteca. It excludes general works and biographies of San Martín's contemporaries. Though many Argentine publications on the subject are listed there is a less adequate listing of periodicals and pamphlets printed abroad. Notably, Venezuelan publications relative to the Conference of Guayaquil are omitted. President and General Juan D. Perón appears as author in five entries. The usefulness of the bibliography to scholars is limited by the exclusion of information as to publishers, number of pages, number of volumes, etc., which would more fully identify and characterize the items listed.