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This is the first of a series of guides under preparation to the many important collections of manuscripts in the Bancroft Library of the University of California. In that repository, the Vallejo papers, covering the period 1780-1875, but centering on the period after 1824, dealing with almost every conceivable facet of California life during the Mexican period, occupy a niche of primary importance to the student of California during this period. The Vallejo documents are contained in 36 bound volumes, and contain about 10,000 documents. The first 14 volumes consist largely of official papers; volumes 15 through 27 are made up of military papers, while the third group of 9 volumes, is composed of miscellaneous papers, including papers of relatives and friends.

This Guide lists, in strictly alphabetical order, all letters under the writer's name, and all documents by title. It is to be remembered that it is a guide, and not a calendar, but as such it will prove of great help to students in finding documents cited, by such authorities as Bancroft, in the Vallejo collection. In the Bancroft Library there is also a chronological list which is not included in this Guide.

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The Handbook of Latin American Studies continues its long and brilliant career with the publication of volume 16. 3391 books and other items are listed and rapidly analyzed under the following headings: General, Anthropology, Art, Economics, Education, Geography, Government, History, International Relations since 1830, Labor and Social Welfare, Spanish American Language, Spanish American Literature, Brazilian Language and Literature, Law, Music, Philosophy, Sociology. The last section is a new one, directed by T. Lynn Smith.

What conclusion may one reach concerning this remarkable bibliographical enterprise? One may note that the curve of the publications included has varied from 3139 in 1936; 4616 in 1944, only 2963