natural resources, commerce, industry, and politics of Venezuela. (J. P. H.)


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Biographical sketch of the Spanish Jesuit historian, who vigorously directed Razón y Fe for many years until his death in 1953, and a list of his extensive publications. Bayle’s historical writings were usually devoted to a defense of the work of Spain in America, in the course of which he energetically attacked the leyenda negra. Though Bayle never used archival materials, he produced a number of substantial contributions such as his last book Los cabildos seculares en la América española (Madrid, 1952). Probably best known as a polemical writer, his España en Indias, nuevos ataque y nuevas defensas (Vitoria, 1934, and several later editions) constitutes one of the most extensive modern treatments of this highly controversial subject. Domingo R. Bancaño, O. F. M., continues the battle in his brief and polemical introduction to this booklet. (L. H.)


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