
Several historical essays on this region to the middle of the eighteenth century. Included is a chapter on the introduction of horses into Brazil and a discussion of the evidence for their pre-Columbian existence in the New World. (J. F.)


Volume I, devoted to "Jesuítas e bandeirantes no Guairá (1549-1640)," appeared in 1951. (L. H.)


A collection of articles, lectures, and unpublished studies by the Portuguese Admiral Gago Coutinho. The basic principle of Gago Coutinho's studies is: "... The voyages of discovery, whether of the Azores and Madeira and the American continent or of the sea route to India, were made on sailing ships that depended on the sea routes determined by the general winds, in the past no less than at present in the case of our clipper ships ... To study the voyages of discovery, we have to imagine ourselves as being inside such ships, equipped only with the resources available at that time ..." Based on his own experience as "navigator," Gago Coutinho discusses at length the nautical technique of the voyages of discovery, studying and interpreting the routes followed by the main Portuguese navigators, such as Vasco de Gama and Pedro Alves Cabral.


This book is constituted by a number of studies previously published in the review "Brotério" (Lisboa) during the years 1952-1953, and now brought together for the first time. It contains valuable and hitherto unpublished documents on the celebrated founder of the city of São Paulo, Manuel da Nóbrega, and on some of his closest assistants.


The volumes now published are part of a vast anthology of the work of the famous Luso-Brazilian Jesuit. This anthology is intended for the general public as well as for specialists. The prefaces and notes by António Sérgio and Hernani Cidade are a big help and a delight for the reader, being at the same time a magnificent attempt of interpretation of the mind and work of António Vieira.


The core of this scholarly little work is the Pinkes or minute book of the Jewish community at Recife, 1648-1653, whose original Portuguese text was published by Dr. Wiznitzer in Vol. 74 of the Anais da Biblioteca Nacional at Rio de Janeiro in 1953. The present work contains (pp. 58-91) the English translation of the original text, pre-