

vols. Edited with a prologue by MANUEL JOSÉ FORERO. Preliminary study by GREGORIO ARCILA ROBLEDO. Bogotá, 1953. Editorial Kelly. Pp. 332, 330, 338, 417, 318, 314, 314, 259, 249. Paper.

This is a new transcription of a very valuable crónica of the conquest of present-day Colombia and parts of Venezuela. The original work was probably made up of four *partes* (the fourth is lost) each of which contained seven *noticias* of approximately twenty-five chapters each. The edition under consideration omits the entire first *parte*—over 200 chapters—which were contained in the first (Cuenca, Spain, 1627) edition of the first *parte* and later incorporated into the second edition of the first *parte* published in five volumes (Bogotá, 1882-1892) by Medardo Rivas and based upon the Bogotá originals and which also contained the other two *partes*. Also lacking in the new edition are a part of chapter 26 and all of chapters 27 and 28 of the seventh *noticia* of the second *parte*, also missing in the Rivas edition. These chapters were copied in Madrid in 1908 by Diego Mendoza, from a manuscript copy of the *Noticias* located in the Biblioteca de la Real Academia de Historia. They were published in the *Boletín de historia y antigüedades* (Bogotá, Imprenta Nacional, Año VI, no. 67, pp. 415-423). Friar Arcila Robledo's study is useful and presents new facts of the life of Fray Pedro. Besides the serious omissions noted above, the new edition is without explanatory notes, or an adequate index, and contains many errors in transcription. The Medardo Rivas edition is still the best of this work.

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Pensamientos políticos sobre la agricultura, comercio y minas del virreinato de Santafé de Bogotá y Memorias sobre la población del Nuevo Reino de Granada. By PEDRO FERMÍN DE VARGAS. Transcription by MANUEL JOSÉ FORERO. Introduction by ALFREDO GARCÍA CADENA. Bogotá,

1953. Imprenta del Banco de la República. Archivo de la Economía Nacional, X. Pp. 162. Paper.

A reprint of the first complete edition (Biblioteca Popular de Cultura, 53, Bogotá, 1944) of the brilliant essays written *circa* 1790, which rank with the works of Humboldt and Caldas as sources for the study of the economy and statistics of the New Granadan viceroyalty at the end of the colonial regime.

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Pere Fages, descubridor, cronista i governador de la Nova California. By J. SOLER VIDAL. Mexico City, 1953. Edicions catalanes de Mexic. Serie Historia i Geografia, I. Pp. 207. 10 pesos.

Un plano de la ciudad de Córdoba del siglo XVIII. By CARLOS A. LUQUE COLOMBRE. Córdoba, 1953. Instituto de Estudios Americanistas. Cuaderno de Historia, 22-23.

El primer libro impreso en América fué para el rezo del Santo Rosario (Méjico, 1532-34). By FRANCISCO VINDEL. Madrid, 1953. Facsimile. Pp. iii, 102.

In a seventy page *explication du texte* the author seeks to support by typographical analysis and historical argument the claim of his title. Opinion as to that claim, which has not been generally accepted as valid, may be gained from the statement as to his methods of procedure: "Como la obrita careciese de indicaciones tipográficas que atestigüasen su estampación en Méjico, y nuestra convicción emanaba solamente del conocimiento y práctica visual que tenemos adquirida, quizás refrendada por una intuición que nunca nos ha engañado . . ."

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Reflexiones histórico-físico naturales, médico quirúrgicas: Prácticos y especulativos entretenimientos acerca de la vida, usos, costumbres, alimentos,

bestidos, color y enfermedades a que propenden los negros de Africa venidos a las Américas. By FRANCISCO BARRERA y DOMINGO. Habana, 1953. Ediciones CR. Pp. 514.

Although essentially medical in nature, this work, dated 1798, has interesting brief chapters on living conditions of Negroes in the Antilles in the eighteenth century. (J. F.)

Resumen de la historia de Chile. Vol. I (1535-1817). By FRANCISCO A. ENCINA. Edited by LEOPOLDO CASTEDO. Santiago, 1954. Empresa Zig-Zag. Illustrations. Maps. Appendixes. Pp. xviii, 626.

Spanish-Guaraní Relations in Early Colonial Paraguay. By ELMAN R. SERVICE. Ann Arbor, 1954. University of Michigan Press. Museum of Anthropology. Anthropological Papers, 9. Maps. Bibliography. Pp. 106. Paper. \$1.00.

The peculiar circumstances of the Spanish conquest of Paraguay have received comparatively little attention from modern scholars. A very good reason, perhaps, is the scarcity of original documents thus far made available. Such materials probably do not exist for a satisfactory account of the acculturation process inevitable from Spanish-Guaraní relations.

Social scientists who are interested in acculturation must, perforce, fill in the gaps with assumptions and deductions. That this has been the experience of Professor Service is amply demonstrated by his "The Encomienda in Paraguay" (*HAHR*, XXXI (May 1951), 230-252) and by the present study. It should be noted that Professor Service's doctoral dissertation was a study of "Spanish-Guaraní Acculturation in Early Colonial Paraguay." These published studies of acculturation make their best contribution in regard to the encomienda. No other author has made so clear and intelligible a distinction between the *originario* and *mitayo* encomiendas in Paraguay. Application of the term "encomienda" to that type of concubinage-servitude status common in colonial

Paraguay requires a broadening of the term beyond its customary meaning. Professor Service, however, is in a strong position.

Paraguayan writers have long shown a deep interest in acculturation. Among them one may mention Natalicio González, Moisés S. Bertoni, and Carlos Pastore—none of whose works appear in the bibliography.

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The Tears of the Indians: Being an Historical and True Account of the Cruel Massacres and Slaughters of Above Twenty Millions of Innocent People; Committed by the Spaniards in the Islands of Hispaniola, Cuba, Jamaica, etc. As also, in the Continents of Mexico, Peru, and Other Places of the West Indies, to the Total Destruction of those Countries. By BARTOLOMEO DE LAS CASAS. Translated by JOHN PHILLIPS. Stanford, 1953 (?). Academic Reprints. Illustrations. Pp. xxxiii, 134. \$6.50.

Facsimile reproduction of the third English edition of this horrendous classic. (L. H.)

El tributo indígena en la Nueva España durante el siglo XVI. By JOSÉ MIRANDA. Mexico City, 1952. El Colegio de México. Pp. 350.

Detailed monograph on the development of Indian tribute, with much information on its social and political as well as economic importance. There is no index, and the pages of this substantial volume are so generously studded with quotations from the archival materials that it is not easy to read or to use. (L. H.)

La vida criolla en el siglo XVI. By FERNANDO BENÍTEZ. Mexico City, 1953. El Colegio de México. Pp. 322.

Fernando Benítez has utilized the informative, if not brilliant, literature of the period—the dialogues, treatises, miscellaneous prose and poetry of all dimensions—and the good secondary sources that are a credit to Mexican