

lived in both. Equally as keen were her observations on the political and economic situations in that crucial year of early Chilean independence and on the country's leaders who led its destiny. Mrs. Graham was charmed with Chile and its people. Though at times critical of current governmental policies, her optimistic predictions were that the future of the country was a bright one.

Mrs. Graham's journal was first published in English in 1824; the first Spanish translation appeared in two volumes published in Chile in 1902 and 1909 respectively.

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José de San Martín íntimo. By MARIANO R. MARTÍNEZ. Mexico City, 1956. Editora Nacional. Serie Histórica Ilustrada. Illustrations. Pp. 185. Paper.

Simón Bolívar íntimo. By MARIANO R. MARTÍNEZ. Mexico City, 1956. Editora Nacional. Serie Histórica Ilustrada. Illustrations. Pp. 188. Paper.

Pocketbook reprints of editions first published in Paris about 1913.

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Taste of Glory. By CARLETON BEALS. New York, 1956. Crown Publishers, Inc. Pp. 311. \$3.50.

Mr. Beals' novel on Bernardo O'Higgins is on the whole an interesting and enlightening one—interesting because the author's descriptive writing is good, and enlightening because the novel is deeply rooted in historical fact. This is a book that is long overdue in our country's fertile field of historical novels because it serves as the first significant introduction to the lay reader of a man whose contributions toward the independence of South America have been too long unknown or properly appreciated in this continent.

For the most part the book is spirited, maintaining the interest of the reader. There are times, however, when it becomes dull. Then we can only wonder why Mr. Beals chose to treat O'Hig-

gins' prosaic administration of government, which is so cursorily covered as to be meaningless, rather than to elaborate on such romantic episodes as the battle of Rancagua, the retreat across the Andes, and the preparation of the Chilean army of liberation. Too, we become bored with the stilted conversations between O'Higgins, the interlocutor, and his ubiquitous mother, doña Isabel, which are reminiscent of a Gide dialogue.

It is doubtful that the reader will become excited over O'Higgins. He will know what he did for Chile, but he will not be given the satisfaction of an emotional thrill thinking of the man who did it. For this Mr. Beals cannot be blamed. An honest, well-intentioned, hesitant, weak and often inept man is not the best material from which romantic heroes are made.

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The Resurgent Years 1911-1927. History of Standard Oil Company (New Jersey). By GEORGE SWEET GIBB and EVELYN H. KNOWLTON. Foreword By RAY PALMER BAKER. Introduction by HENRIETTA M. LARSON. New York, 1956. Harper & Brothers. Illustrations. Tables. Charts and Maps. Appendices. Notes. Index. Pp. xxix, 754. \$7.50.

This is the second of the projected three-volume history of Jersey Standard. Though authored by a different pair of historians, this volume, with its easy transition and similar style, emerges as a neatly fitting sequel to volume one.

This is the story of Standard's middle years. The point of departure is the 1911 United States Supreme Court decision ordering dissolution of the highly integrated Standard Oil Trust. Jersey Standard, largest of the dismembered parts, subsequently devoted its energies to expansion and reintegration. By 1927, not only had it