

BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND  
REFERENCE WORK

*América en la época de Carlos V. Aportación a la bibliografía de este período desde 1900.* By JOSE ALCINA FRANCH and JOSEFINA PALOP MARTINEZ. Madrid, 1958. Asociación Hispanoamericana de Historia. Paper.

In this bibliography of 1652 items, the compilers have given us a valuable list of both periodical and book items published between 1900 and 1957 concerning America in that important reign of Charles V. Chiefly periodical literature, the coverage is wide, including articles in most of the learned journals of Europe and of the Americas.

There are no critical notes but the bibliography is carefully classified. The first section, *Obras Generales*, containing 299 references, is subdivided into nine groups: (1) *El Descubrimiento*, containing five further sub-divisions, (2) *Derecho indiano*, two, *Las Leyes de Indias* and *Francisco de Vitoria*, (3) *Tratadistas de América*, (4) *Viajes y descubrimientos*, (5) *Misiones*, (6) *Comercio*, (7) *Población*, (8) *Indigenismo*, (9) *La Colonia*. Classification thereafter is geographic; *Norteamérica*, *Méjico*, *Centroamérica*, *Antillas*, *Norte de Sudamerica*, *Brasil*, *Perú*, *Chile* and *Río de la Plata*.

Three elaborate indices complete the little volume: *Indice de Materias*, 10 pages, *Indice de Autores*, 11 pages, and *Indice General*, 6 pages. Enough cannot be said for the use of complete titles of periodicals in each citation instead of letters and for complete data as to size, place and date of publication of each volume. Our gratitude should be extended to both compilers and publishers.

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*Archivos modernos, principios y técnicas.* By T. R. SCHELLENBERG. Introduction & Trans., by MANUEL CARRERA STAMPA. La Habana, 1958. Archivo Nacional. Publicaciones del

Comité de Archivos. Notes. Index. Pp. 358. Paper.

Fundamental work of interest to historians as well as professional archivists. (L.H.)

*Baja California. 1935-1956. A Bibliography of Historical, Geographical and Scientific Literature relating to the Peninsula of Baja California and to the Adjacent Islands in the Gulf of California and the Pacific Ocean.* By ELLEN C. BARRETT. Los Angeles, 1957. Bennett & Marshall. Record Sources. Mission Books. Index. Books for a Baja California Library. Pp. xx, 284. Cloth. \$24.00.

This is the result of seven years compiling by a professional librarian, one of the Southwest's most ardent "Baja California" fan. It is the first on this region. Her "record sources" list and comment briefly on archives and libraries with significant collections. The "mission books" section shows how fragmentary and scattered these marriage, burial, etc. records have become. The bibliography includes almost 3,000 books, articles, maps, and a few selected manuscripts. Present location of the manuscripts is noted. Most works are in English, but many in Spanish, French, German, and Latin are included, with notes on editions and translations. Listing is alphabetical by author, or by title for anonymous works. Some annotations follow, especially useful where titles do not identify contents. The 27-page index, commendably detailed, supplements the bibliography. Her personal selection of 33 "books for a Baja California library" includes a few difficult to obtain. The few typographical errors do not detract from usefulness. Printing and binding are attractive and substantial. She states that the bibliography is neither selective, critical, nor complete, and she is preparing a supplement. Still, she has located and catalogued effectively an impressive array of materials, and the 550 copies should

soon be in libraries and private collections for permanent service to professional researcher and amateur enthusiast.

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*A Brief Description of Some Rare & Interesting Books from the XVIth & XVIIth Centuries, which can be found in the Columbus Memorial Library.* By LUIS D. GARDEL. Washington, D. C., 1958. Pan American Union. Illustrations. Bibliographical notes. Paper.

In a brief preface, Señor Gardel offers a sketch of the founding and development of the Columbus Memorial Library. The present brochure singles out fifteen books from the Rare Book Room, includes reproductions of title-pages, informal bibliographical notes, chiefly from dealers' catalogues, provenance, description of copies as to manuscript notations and other special features. Finally, in these seventy pages, the compiler adds a bibliography of works consulted for each item. Complete collations are omitted as are references to the Church Catalogue, the two John Carter Brown Catalogues (except for 3 of the items) and to Sabín.

Briefly the fifteen titles are: Herrera, 1601-15; Barlaeus, 1647; Píso, 1648; Fr. João Jose de Santa Teresa, 1698; Molina, *Vocabulario*, 1571; Venegas' *Agonia*, 1568; Fernandez Piedrahita . . . , Meléndez, 1681; Balthassar de Medina, 1682; Solís, 1684; Ovalle, 1703; Biet, 1664; Acarete, 1698; 2 Italian imprints, *Il Petrarca*, 1550 and Sannazarius, 1535; *Setenta Partida*, 1555, 1587.

For the above titles, the compiler has produced a useful catalogue with interesting notes far beyond the usual requirements for such a publication.

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*Familias del antiguo obispado de Concepción 1551-1900.* By GUSTAVO OPAZO MATORANA. Santiago de Chile, 1957.

Editorial Zamorano y Caperan. Index. Prologue by ZENÓN URRUTIA INFANTE. Pp. xv, 275. Cloth.

This book is basically an enlarged edition of the author's *Orígenes de las familias del antiguo Obispado de Concepción* which appeared some years ago. It represents an exhaustive amount of meticulous research into the genealogical backgrounds of 325 families who settled in the diocese of Concepción prior to the middle of the nineteenth century. Most of these families were of Spanish descent, but information on a number of distinguished non-Spanish latecomers has also been included in the present edition, thus adding to the value of the work. Another welcome feature is the fact that the statistical record has, in many instances, been carried down to the beginning of the twentieth century.

Of special interest to historians are the numerous biographical details regarding public and military service, professional avocations, property ownership, commercial activities, and so forth, which not only provide useful insights into the personal careers of the individuals concerned, but also serve as a partial index to the social, political, and economic conditions of the times. By making this information more readily available, Sr. Opazo has performed a task which deserves the thanks of genealogists and historians alike. His book will undoubtedly serve as an indispensable guide for years to come.

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*Final Report and Papers of the Third Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, July 10-11, 1958.* Rapporteur General: ELISABETH K. GUDDÉ. Berkeley, 1959. General Library, University of California. Charts. Pp. 254. Paper. \$4.00.

Another valuable contribution on the complex problems connected with acquiring library materials on Latin America. (L.H.)