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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 Sabin.

Briefly the fifteen titles are: Herrera, 1601-15; Barlaeus, 1647; Piso, 1648; Fr. João Jose de Santa Teresa, 1698; Molina, *Vocabulario*, 1571; Venegas' *Agonia*, 1568; Fernandez Piedrahita . . . , Meléndez, 1681; Balthassar de Medina, 1682; Solis, 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.)