

Bartolomé Mitre is one of the most complex, talented, and sympathetic figures of Latin American republican history. I suppose that this book could be called a "standard" biography of the great man, at least by traditional, still powerful Argentine historiographic standards. It is not as excessively eulogistic as much old-school biography, but it lays a pompous veneer over Mitre that obscures rather than illuminates his achievements and character.

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El pensamiento político hispanoamericano. Vol. VI. By JUAN BAUTISTA ALBERDI and DOMINGO FAUSTINO SARMIENTO. Edited by GUILLERMO A. LOUSTEAU HEGUY and SALVADOR M. LOZADA. Buenos Aires, 1964. Ediciones Depalma. Pp. xii, 569. Paper.

The purpose of this collection, which will total twenty volumes, is to present a comprehensive view of Hispanic politi-

cal thought. These selections, ranging from Suárez and Vitoria to the twentieth century, will then be analyzed in a thematic index in Vol. XXI. As a result, however, individual volumes are not particularly useful since they present neither a total nor an edited view of any individual author's output. The presentation is simple. A biographical sketch of several pages introduces one or two major works reproduced in their entirety. Explanatory notes are kept to a minimum, and other aids to the student will appear, along with the analytical index, only in Vol. XXI. Selection of one or two major works from the prolific production of most Spanish commentators creates problems, as the present volume indicates. *Las Bases* has logically been included; the other Alberdi selection and the Sarmiento work might not be so easily guessed: *Grandes y pequeños hombres del Plata* and *Comentarios de la Constitución de la Confederación Argentina*.

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