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BOOK REVIEW

Historical Documents relating to New Mexico, Nueva Viscaya, and Approaches thereto, to 1773. Collected by Adolph F. A. Bandelier and Fanny R. Bandelier. English translations, edited with introduction and annotations by Charles Wilson Hackett, Ph.D., professor of Latin American history in the University of Texas, Volume III. (Published by Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1937. Index. 530 pp.)

"A collection of fundamentally important sources for the history of the Spanish frontier in New Mexico and adjacent provinces," to quote from the preface of Volume III of the "Bandelier Papers," is made available to students and writers who will find in this publication a mine of information regarding government, church and ways of life in Spanish colonial outposts during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Those who have been privileged lately to scan the published and unpublished collections and writings of the late Adolph F. A. Bandelier brought together by, and at, the School of American Research have been impressed with the prodigious amount of research and work accomplished by him in Spanish archives on both American continents and in Europe. That this is deemed worth while is manifest from the fact that Dr. Charles Wilson Hackett, himself among the leading scholars in the field, twenty years ago began the editing, annotating and filling in the gaps in the Bandelier manuscripts, bringing the publication of the three monumental tomes to a successful conclusion in 1937.

Bandelier and his wife made their studies in this particular line under a grant from the Carnegie Institution between the years 1912 and 1915 and it was the late Dr. Franklin Jameson of the Institution who called upon Dr. Hackett to make the result of their research available to historians and students. Tribute is paid by Dr. Hackett to Professors G. P. Hammond, A. B. Thomas and Lansing B.

Bloom, France V. Scholes and the *NEW MEXICO HISTORICAL REVIEW* for "invaluable aid in the preparation of this (the third) volume." A scholarly introduction of forty pages is followed by a well-indexed English translation of documents relating primarily to New Mexico in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The strange part is that these archives and expedientes are not dry-as-dust historical chronicles but pulse with life, and include reports of thrilling and romantic episodes, controversies, incidents, occurring or radiating from Santa Fe in greater part, and making vivid the colorful annals of two centuries of heroic struggle on the part of the Spanish invaders and the Catholic church to maintain themselves against odds that even in this day and age would seem insurmountable.

Space does not permit even a cursory review of the riches of this volume. However, its scope can be gathered, at least in part, from the three chronological divisions set up by Dr. Hackett in his introduction: 1. Church-State Relations in New Mexico, 1609-1659; 2. The Last Three Decades of the Seventeenth Century; 3. New Mexico in the Eighteenth Century; and the sub-divisions as follows: Questions in dispute regarding ecclesiastical jurisdictions and ecclesiastical privilege and immunity; New Mexico on the eve of the Pueblo Rebellion, 1670-1680; the rebellion and re-conquest of the Pueblos, 1680-1696; the Mendoza-López expedition from El Paso to the Jumano country, 1683-1684; constructive work of Governor Don Francisco Cuervo y Valdes, 1705-1706; status of the New Mexico missions 1696 to 1754; missionary efforts among the heathen tribes; efforts to reconvert the Moquis 1699-1760; and finally, "miscellaneous facts relating to New Mexico in the eighteenth century." It was a hard and strenuous life, often sanguinary and turbulent, which was led by colonists, ecclesiastics and Indians during those two centuries in the Spanish Southwest and the evidence of it is written lucidly in this volume.—P.A.F.W.