EDITOR'S PREFACE

THE THIRD VOLUME in a series devoted to the activities of the Jesuits in Spanish North America, this work is the logical successor of Jacobsen's Educational Foundations of the Jesuits in Sixteenth-Century New Spain and Dunne's Pioneer Black Robes on the West Coast, two books which have met a flattering reception and have done much toward enlarging the perspective of Western Hemisphere history in one of its important phases. Other volumes in the same series are already prepared and, it is hoped, will be published without undue delay.

Some books are called "scholarly" because they are unfinished. The staging and debris accumulated in the process of constructing the edifice have not been cleared away. This volume meets a higher test of scholarship. The result of the author's assiduous research in manuscripts, printed documents, and monographs; of his personal reconnaissance of the terrain concerned; and of his sound knowledge of Jesuit history and institutions which it exemplifies—the finished product is freed from a parade of apparatus and is presented in a form acceptable to the general reader as well as to the specialist.

The editor of a series of volumes should blush to find one of them dedicated to himself, and this I appropriately do; yet I have no disposition to remedy the impropriety. On the contrary, I gratefully accept the generous tribute from a friend and fellow worker, and let it stand where, without consulting me, it was put by the author.

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