

## NOTA NECROLOGICA

### HERBERT INGRAM PRIESTLEY

1875-1944

It is with deep regret that the *Revista de Historia de America* records the death of Herbert Ingram Priestley, noted American scholar, teacher and writer. Professor Priestley was not only a wellknown historian in North America, but was distinguished in South America as well. However the future may deal with his specific contributions to historical literature, his place in American historiography is assured. Together with Herbert Eugene Bolton, rightly called the Pacific Prescott, Priestley helped to direct attention of North Americans to the global nature of the expansion of Europe and to the role of New Spain in shaping the culture of the American world.

But if Bolton is the Prescott of the Pacific, Priestley was its Motley. He served a life-long apprenticeship to scholarship and achieved mastery of the segment concerned with Spain in its colonial setting. After graduating from the University of Southern California in 1900, he began his career as a teacher. Important in the light of his subsequent researches were the years from 1901-1904 spent in Nueva Cáceres, Luzón, P. I., and the years from 1907-1910 as teacher of Spanish at the Riverdale California High School. In 1917 he was appointed assistant professor of Mexican History at the University of California where he remained (assistant professor, 1917-1920; associate professor, 1920-1922; professor, 1923-1944) for the rest of his life. In addition to his function as teacher, he was connected with the Bancroft Library of the University of which he was alternately assistant curator, librarian and, after 1940, director. He also served on the editorial boards of the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, *The Pacific Historical Review*, *World Affairs* and *The American Archivist*. His more important works are: *José*

*de Gálvez, Visitor-General of New Spain, 1763-71* (1916); *The Mexican Nation: A History* (1923); *The Coming of the White Man* (1929); and *Tristán de Luna, Conquistador* (1936).

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