

## EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**W**ITH THE PRESENT VOLUME of *THE AMERICAS*, Rev. Dr. Roderick Wheeler, O.F.M., relinquishes the managing editorship of this review. Father Wheeler has held the management of *THE AMERICAS* from its first number. His wide knowledge in the field of inter-American cultural history, together with his self-sacrificing devotedness to the interests of this review, early helped to attract to its pages some of the outstanding scholars of the United States, Latin America, Canada and Europe. In the difficult years of organization, he was notably successful in establishing standards which set a high norm for future volumes. Today, as *THE AMERICAS* completes its ninth volume, the enviable reputation which it enjoys among similar reviews is, in no small measure, a tribute to his fine editorial judgment and his true historical sense.

The Academy of American Franciscan History takes this occasion to acknowledge its indebtedness to Father Wheeler. Upon his retirement from its staff, the Academy, in the name of the Associate and Advisory Editors of the review which it publishes, desires to express to him not only its thanks but likewise its best wishes for success in his new undertakings. Assigned by his superiors to the faculty of St. Bonaventure University, he returns to a familiar scene of labor. Before the establishment of The Academy of American Franciscan History in 1943 and the founding of its review in the following year, he was a member of the history department of that institution; he has, in the meantime, frequently returned there to give summer courses. It is the sincere hope and the firm expectation of the sponsors and the friends of *THE AMERICAS* that in his future teaching assignment his talents as professor will receive new acclaim and confer benefits upon a new generation of historians.

Pending the appointment of his successor, Rev. Michael B. McCloskey, O.F.M., Associate Editor, will act as Managing Editor *ad interim*.

At the same time The Academy of American Franciscan History is happy and honored to announce that Dr. George P. Hammond, Director of the Bancroft Library at the University of California, will succeed to the place among the Advisory Editors of *THE AMERICAS* made vacant by the death of Dr. Herbert E. Bolton.

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