

LEON
PINELO
BARCIA.
1787.

The epitome of Don Antonio de Leon Pinelo was printed at Madrid, in quarto, in 1629. In his preface he declared it to be only an abridgment of a larger work, which he promised to give the public, and in which he proposed to give his views fully on all authors who have written on the Indies. The important affairs in which he was subsequently engaged apparently prevented the execution of his plan, and it was carried out only in 1737 by the learned and untiring Don André Gonzales de Barcia, except the criticism on the authors, which he did not attempt. It is astonishing that omitting this branch, the work should have grown so in his hands; but he might have spared himself at least three-fourths of the labor bestowed, by confining himself to printed or manuscript works, that one would expect to find in such a bibliotheca, omitting the word epitome, which is misapplied here. Otherwise, however, there is much system in it. The authors are easy to find in the indexes, and ranged in the body of the work under the countries of which they have spoken, but the proper names are often disfigured.

LENGLET DU FRESNOY. 1736-89. PRINCIPES DE L'HISTOIRE POUR L'EDUCATION PAR ANNÉES & PAR LEÇONS, par M. l'Abbé Lenglet du Fresnoy. 6 vols. 12o. 1st year, at Paris, Musier Pere, Quay des Augustins à l'Olivier, 1736; 2d and 3d year, same, 2 vols., 1737; 4th year, Rollin Fils, Quay des Augustins à St. Athanase, 1737; 5th year, de Bure l'ainé, Quay des Augustins à St. Paul, 1737. 6th year, same, 1739.

These are pretty fair abridgments of history, but for my work I found nothing in them. The author falls into fewer faults as to America, because he scarcely speaks of it, even in the last volume, which treats of ecclesiastical history, for which, nevertheless, the New World furnished sufficiently ample matter.

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[MEMOIRES SUR LES MŒURS, COUSTUMES ET RELIGION DES SAUVAGES de l'Amérique Septentrionale, par Nicolas Perrot, publié pour la première fois, par le R. P. J. Tailhan, de la Compagnie de Jésus. Leipzig & Paris. Librairie A. Franck. Albert L. Herold, 1864. 12o, 341 pp.]

I have also profited by two manuscripts, the first of which was furnished to me by Mr. Begon, Intendant at Havre, when he was Intendant of New France. It is by a voyageur of Canada, Nicholas Perrot, who long traversed almost all New