

chairman of the Conference on Latin American History of the American Historical Association.

J. PRESTON MOORE of Louisiana State University, author of *The cabildo in Peru under the Hapsburgs* (Durham, N. C., 1954), is at present in Peru studying municipal documentation of the eighteenth century.

EMILIO RODRÍGUEZ DEMORIZI has been named rector of the University of Santo Domingo.

ROBERT C. MEAD of the University of Connecticut is the new director of the review *Hispania*, the official journal of the Association of Professors of Spanish and Portuguese of the United States.

PHILIP C. BROOKS of the National Archives, San Francisco Branch, has been appointed director of the new Truman Library in Independence, Missouri.

RECENT DEATHS

VITO ALESSIO ROBLES

Died in Mexico City in June, 1957, at the age of 78 years. He was born in Saltillo, Coahuila, and concentrated his historical studies in the northern provinces of Mexico, in particular, Coahuila and Texas. His *Coahuila y Texas en la época colonial* (México, 1938) is one of the most outstanding works to come from his pen. Alessio Robles edited editions of many works of fundamental importance for the history of northern Mexico, such works as the *Viaje de Indios* and the *Diario de Nuevo México* of Fray Agustín de Morfi (México, 1936); *Demostración del vastísimo obispado de la Nueva Vizcaya* by Bishop Don Pedro Tamarón Romeral (México, 1937); the *Relación del viaje* of Nicolás de Lafora (México, 1939), and the *Diario y Derrotero* of Pedro de Rivera (México, 1946).

CLAUDE G. BOWERS

Died in New York City in January, 1958. He was both a historian and a diplomat. As a historian he is considered a top authority on Thomas Jefferson. His books on Lincoln and his era have won wide appreciation. As United States ambassador to Spain (1933-1939) he wrote the controversial *Mission in Spain*. His diplomatic mission in Chile (1939-1953) produced his *Chile through embassy eyes*.

GUSTAVO OTERO MUÑOZ

On August 24, 1957, Gustavo Otero Muñoz, a permanent member of the Colombian Academy of History, archivist, librarian, and author of many books and articles on Colombian history, died in Bogotá. He was born in Bucaramanga (Department of Santander) on February 17, 1894. His copious bibliographic production up to 1953—14 books, three pamphlets, five volumes of compilations, 210 articles, two published reports, 34 discourses and conferences, and ten prologues—can be seen detailed in the *Bibliografía Académica* by Enrique Ortega Ricaurte (Bogotá, 1953).