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material had been organized under certain general headings. In this way the development of major policies, both political and ecclesiastical, would have been easier to follow. Father Zwierlein sometimes neglects to date important letters or extracts from letters not published elsewhere; this reduces their usefulness to the scholar considerably. Quite frequently quotations are opened but not closed, so that it is impossible to determine where a direct quotation ends and the author's summary or comment begins. But these blemishes detract but little from the signal service Father Zwierlein has rendered by blazing so fine a trail through a relatively underdeveloped area of our national history.

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INDEX TO THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

1956 OFFICIAL GAZETTE DESK BOOK. By Federico B. Moreno. Index Publishing House. Quezon City. 1957. Pp. ix, 385. P10.

THE *Official Gazette* is an important publication, being the official journal of the Republic of the Philippines. In its pages, issued fortnightly, are published the acts and decrees of every branch of government—executive, legislative, judicial, and the laws of the land are promulgated upon publication therein. Thus, the *Gazette* is an indispensable source book for the judge, the lawyer, the civil servant and the research scholar.

Unfortunately, it is an unwieldy thing to use. It is voluminous and it is not indexed. This is a grave inconvenience for anyone who seeks quick and accurate access to the material buried in hundreds of printed pages. This need has been met for the 1956 volume by Professor Moreno, librarian of the school of law of the Ateneo de Manila.

His *Desk Book* is more than an index. It is really a collection of tables and indices, giving complete coverage to all the material in the 1956 *Gazette* and including a 63-page "citor," indexing all the citations made in the *Gazette* and listing them according to source: the Constitution, the Codes, court decisions, treatises, periodicals foreign and local.

All this vast material has been printed with meticulous accuracy (we have noted only one misprint, a trivial one) on the best eggshell paper and handsomely bound. Justice J. B. L. Reyes of the Supreme Court has contributed the Foreword. This is a book which no library, law office or judge's chambers can afford to go without, and we are glad to hear that Professor Moreno is now well into his next volume, a similar *Desk Book* on the 1957 *Gazette*.

There is one regret, and it is a serious one. This book has been compiled and seen through the press almost single-handedly by a dedicated man and published at huge expense with private funds. It is perhaps too much to expect that the editor or his publishers could keep this up year after year at such enormous cost to themselves in labor and money. Yet such an index is needed for every volume of the *Gazette*. May we respectfully call the attention of the proper authorities to this need?

Our suggestion is that Professor Moreno, who has done such a splendid job on the 1956 volume and is now well into the 1957, be commissioned by the National Library to complete the index for 1957. The same should be done for succeeding years thereafter, and likewise for volumes prior to 1956. The indices thus compiled should be published at public expense and sold to the public at cost.

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PATHWAYS TO PHILIPPINE LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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An Anthology with Biographical and Critical Introductions.

By Arturo G. Roseburg. Phoenix Press Inc. Quezon City.

1958. Pp. vi, 257. P3.90

FEW people know as much about Philippine literature in English as does Mr. Roseburg who has kept abreast of it for over three decades. He is, of course, a Filipino himself, despite his foreign-sounding name. The best part of his book are the biographical and critical introductions. He knows the authors well and he writes