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these conclusions, indeed scarcely discusses Blessed Ezequiel's Philippine career, but they are clearly evidenced in the narration of his subject's saintly life.

John N. Schumacher

DIGENETIC TREMATODES OF PHILIPPINE FISHES. By Carmen C. Velasquez. Quezon City, University of the Philippines Press, 1975. 140 pages, with illustrations.

This book answers the need for a comprehensive study of the known digenetic trematodes of Philippine fishes. Written by an internationally known Filipino parasitologist, it deals with the classification of the known parasitic trematodes (commonly called *flukes*) of local fishes, together with a description of their structure, life history, mode of life, and distribution. Identification keys for all known families, genera, and species in this country are given. Helpful illustrations of the parasites are also provided for. Also included in the book are a host-parasite list in which the scientific and vernacular names of the hosts are mentioned; an index in alphabetical order according to families with their respective genera and species; an extensive bibliography; techniques of parasite collection and preservation; and certain preventive measures against infection from these parasitic flatworms.

Needless to say, the book would serve as a valuable source of information to advanced students and researchers in the field of parasitology.

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CEBUANO LITERATURE: A SURVEY AND BIO-BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH FINDING LIST. By Resil B. Mojares. San Carlos Publications, Series A: Humanities, no. 10. Cebu City: University of San Carlos, 1975. 194 pages.

Interest in research in the field of Philippine vernacular literature is a fairly recent development. In the past, Filipino critics and scholars focused their attention on studies in Western literature, neglecting vernacular writings which form the greater bulk of Philippine literary history. Libraries offered no encouragement either by way of providing the necessary bibliographic tools or research guides. At most, they yielded one or two unreliable survey essays and an often negligible number of primary materials. It took courage and patience then, as it still does today, to attempt to venture into the field.

Realizing that the grave neglect of our native literature cannot go on if we earnestly desire to understand ourselves as a people, committed scholars have begun to undertake valuable research in the field. Some Filipino writers in