

In the preface the author makes the somewhat startling statement that "if Maximilian had been allowed by the United States to reign . . . there would have been a stable government and a prosperous people in Mexico today," and that "Mexico civilized . . . like Canada would be a more desirable neighbor" to the United States. It is difficult to agree with all of Mr. Messervy's conclusions, but the book makes interesting reading.

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