

linguistics on American languages, boldly establishing linguistic associations where we feared none were wanted.—R. J. WEITLANER.

[N 24 II:1] THE LACANDON OF THE 1790's¹

Material concerning the visits of a Padre José Antonio Calderón² to the Lacandon in 1799 is given in those two rare volumes which form the Colección de documentos inéditos relativos a la Iglesia de Chiapas hecha por el Ilmo. y Rmo. Sr. Doctor Don Francisco Orozco y Jiménez, Obispo de la misma. San Cristóbal Las Casas, 1911.

The town of San José de Gracia Real had a population of thirty one Lacandons in 1779, and was situated eight leagues from Palenque, of which town Father José Antonio Calderón was then cura.

The Chiapas collection of documentos inéditos obviously should be read in conjunction with the correspondence on the Lacandons in the Bancroft library.—J. ERIC THOMPSON.

¹ Cf. N4 I:2.

² Surely the Manuel Josef Calderón of N4 I:2 (Ed.)

[N 25 II:1] THE TLACOTEPEC MIGRATION LEGEND.

During a recent expedition to the State of Guerrero in which the writer participated, a legend of prehispanic migrations was discovered in the town of Tlacotepec.¹ Although many of the elderly people of Tlacotepec are familiar with this legend, the fullest version was supplied by Sr. Navidad Paco, an official of the town who heard it from his grandparents José Natividad and Petra Téllez. Petra Téllez died in 1933 at the age of ninety six; and she had learned the story from her mother María Margarita, Sr. Paco's great grandmother. The story was formerly told in náhuatl, and the writer recorded a fragment in this language from another informant.² Sr. Paco, an enthusiastic local historian, has written the story down in Spanish, in a somewhat literary style, and most generously loaned the writer his manuscript. The story as recorded by Sr. Paco falls into two divisions: how Tlacotepec was founded, and how the nearby hill of Tototepec received its name. No other single informant gave both these stories together, during our brief stay in Tlacotepec, so they have been separated below. There can be no question of the accuracy of Sr.

¹ Cf. map and account in N22 Tlalocan I:4.

² Cf. Note 6.