New People

Methodism and Modernization in Mexico, 1873 to 1930

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In memory of Eleazar Guerra, preacher, evangelist, bishop, and “my grandpa”
Our heroes struggled for the physical independence of Mexico, we as their faithful descendants, have worked and are working for the moral and religious independence of the country in which we were born. We are certain that just as God permitted the Mexican nation to make itself independent from the yoke of the Spaniards, so too he will permit us and our children to see the nation entirely free from ignorance, superstition, immorality, and vice.

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