Jesuit Reductions and Workshops in South America

The Workshops

On the eighteenth-century towns of Paraguay were workshops of all kinds: carpenter's, blacksmith's, and even of brick kiln and metal foundry. Each had a water supply and a system of public services—mill and bake house, granary, workshops. On the other three sides of the plaza were edifices, among them the armory and music room. The yards were situated to the north and south along one side of the square. The Jesuits understood that skill and it is evident that they transmitted to the students in the colleges. The talent and abilities was not limited, however, to the students in the colleges. The Jesuits applied the policy in all their workshops. They themselves sometimes worked there and so hung their hammocks between the columns. This type of veranda was unique to the Paraguay region. It is evident that they transmitted knowledge to the students in the colleges. The Jesuits understood that skill and it is evident that they transmitted to the students in the colleges. The talent and abilities was not limited, however, to the students in the colleges. The Jesuits applied the policy in all their workshops. They themselves sometimes worked there and so hung their hammocks between the columns. This type of veranda was unique to the Paraguay region.

The Jesuit Missions in Paraguay

In these remarkably organized settlements, the Jesuits provided education and workers. No matter how remarkable they were in the social history of the western world, no matter how unique in the story of civilization, the Jesuit Reductions of Paraguay were begun and carried on as a missionary enterprise of the Society of Jesus.

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