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Platonism and anti-Platonism in mathematics.
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In the recent and considerable new literature on the philosophy of mathematics, there is a new addition. Divided into three parts, Balaguer first develops arguments defending a new version of Platonism (part I); secondly, he also presents clear and penetrating statements defending anti-Platonism; and, finally, in the third part, he reasons that "there is no fact of the matter as to whether Platonism is correct" [from the jacket of the book].

The book, addressed to philosophers as well as mathematicians, contains a selected and useful bibliography and index. Unfortunately, the publisher decided to list all notes at the end, breaking the continuity of the reading of the book. *Alejandro García-Infante (México).*