LITERARY ITEMS.

The Dedication Committee of the Antietam National Cemetery, instead of electing a poet for the dedication, which will take place on the 17th of September next, the anniversary of the great battle whose name the cemetery bears, have thrown open the theme furnished by the occasion, to the poets of the country. Productions of not less than 200 lines are solicited, to be forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee (Dr. J. E. Snodgrass), whose address is No. 184 East Broadway, New-York, not later than September 5. The writer of the poem deemed the most appropriate as well as meritorious, will be expected to read it as part of the ceremonies; and the residue, so far as their character may warrant it, will probably be collected, in some suitable form, as belonging to the history of the occasion.

An important work, has just been issued at Brussels by order of the Government of Venezuela, under the title: *Exploracion oficial por la primera vez desde el Norte de la America del Sur.* Por F. Michelena y Rojas. (One volume 4to. 684 pages and map.)—It is the account of an expedition undertaken almost entirely by water, between 1855 and 1857, by order of the Venezuelan Government. The expedition started from the mouth of the Orinoco, and went up the country by that river—the Meta, Casiquiare, Rio Negro (or Guiania), and crossed Ecuador and Peru on the Maron and the Ucayali; thence down the River Amazon to Para, whence they went to Rio Janeiro by the Atlantic. The expedition traversed the whole continent, consisting of Venezuela, English Guiana, New-Granada, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia.

Trübner & Co., London, have published recently a very interesting and handsomely got up volume on the City of Lima, by Manuel A. Fuentes of Lima, under the title of *"Lima; or, Sketches of the Capital of Peru: Historical, Statistical, Administrative, Commercial, and Moral."*

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We find in Trübner's "Literary Record" for June 15 several interesting items of Oriental literary intelligence:

"The ancient City of Smyrna has always been of great interest to the archæologist, numismatist, historian, philologist, and merchant, and a full account of it cannot fail to attract their attention. It is therefore intended, at an early date, to lay before the public a carefully prepared work on the subject, in the French language, by Mr. B. F. Sinara of Smyrna, based upon the Greek original by Constantine Tronomos, a learned Neo-Hellene, who died at Smyrna in 1857. The work will be complete in a handsome octavo volume.

"The first volume on Inheritance, of the digest of Hindu law cases, published by the order of the Bombay Government, by Mr. R. West and Dr. G. Buhler has appeared. The volume contains: I. Answers of the Court, Sastras, with authorities and notes, by the editors (pp. 1—99). 2. An appendix, comprising the chapters on Inheritance, from Apastamba, Baudhayana, Gautama, Vasishtha, Vishnu, and Narada. 3. An Introduction—I. On the Sources of the Hindu Law. II. A summary of the Law of Inheritance, according to the authorities current in the Bombay Presidency. Translations of the book into Marathi, Guzerathi, and Canarese, authorized by Government, will appear shortly.

"Several numbers of the Bombay Collections of Sanskrit Classics, announced last year, are in the press, comprising the Panchatantra, by Drs. Kielhorn and Buhler, and the Raghuvamsa, by Mr. Sankar P. Pandit, M. A. In preparation are also the Khata, edited by Mr. Sivram B. Paranjpé, B. A., and the Kadambari, by Mr. Govind Shagvat, M. A.

"In October last year, Sir Bartle Frere's Government which so frequently extended its enlightened patronage to Oriental letters, set apart a sum of Rs. 5,000 for the purchase of Sanskrit manuscripts, and deputed Dr. Buhler to make a tour in the Southern Maratha and Canara countries, in order to examine the libraries at Sattara, Ashte, Kolhapur, Sayil, Belgaum, etc., and other places of the south, and to buy manuscripts for the Government. Among the manuscripts obtained by Dr. Buhler are: 1. In Vedic Literature—A complete Gopatha Brahmana, the Kausitakin or, as Dr. Stenzler calls it, the Paris'ishtas of the A'tharvaveda (one complete and one incomplete set); the Hiranyakesin sraut'a; Grihya and Dharmasutras, with commentaries; the Baudhayana s'rauta and Grihya sutras, with commentaries; the Bharadvaja sutra, with the Kaparda Bhasya, and a newest of Paris'ishtas, chiefly on phonetics, belonging to the White Yajurveda, and attributed to Vyadi and Katyayana. 2. In Grammar.—The Kas'ikavivarana-panchika, by Jivenrabuddhi, on Panini, Adhaya 1. (the author is a Bauddha, and called Bodhisattadevaya; his teacher was Vibudhendrasarasvati); Haradattas, Padamanjari; the Harikarikas; the Madhavya dhatuvri dhatuvritti (one copy dated Sake, 1442); Vararuchi's Prayoga vivcka samgraha, with a commentary; the Prakriyakaumudi, with the commentary of Vithalaksharya; Sriadevas paribhashas; Hemachandra's Sabdanusana, with a commentary, etc. 3. Dharmasastra, a new Paksha and a new Likhitasmriti, the Kasyapa smriti, a complete Vasishtha, in 29 chapters, a copy of the Mitaksharam of Vijnaneswara, dated Sake, 1387, or 1465 A. C. 4. In Philosophy.—The Aviruddhavritti, on the Sankhya sutras, the Vatsyayanavritti, on the Nyaya sutras, the Rajamartanda, on the Yoga sutras. 5. In Medicine.—The Charaka and Atreya samhitas.

"The Proceedings of the Royal Bavarian Academy for 1867 contain, among others, an interesting article on the life of Zarathustra, by Professor Friedrich Spiegel. Professor Spiegel purports in this account to continue and bring to a close the narrative of the life of Zarathustra, which Professor Windischmann began, not, however, being allowed to complete it, which is the more regretable since the life of that great reformer is full of interest and of the utmost importance. The difficulty which will present itself lies with the scanty material we possess with respect to his early life, and though Greek historians, as Herodotus, Berosus, and Ktesias, who are the first to make mention of him at full length, dwell on the subject, they are not always to be relied upon. This applies especially to Ktesias, whose accounts, though by far the longest of any other, are almost wholly contradicted by historians of a later period, thus rendering his authority rather doubtful. Great help, however, is found in the Avesta itself, the accounts of which reach at least as far as those of the oldest Greek historians, and will be found in full accordance with Firdusi and Hamza. Professor Spiegel, in the different chapters, speaks of Zarathustra's name, age, birthplace, his preparation for his priestship, and his sojourn in Bactria.

"Professor Frederick Müller, of the Imperial University at Vienna, favorably known to oriental scholars by his different publications about Arian languages, had been charged by the Imperial Academy of Science to collect all linguistic materials brought home by Dr. Scherzer from the Novara expedition. Professor Müller had indeed many new details to dispose of, and could thus edit this volume, originally intended to give also an anthropological view of all tribes and nations visited by the Novara. The linguistic materials collected by Dr. Scherzer being, however, so numerous, it was decided to publish them separately from the anthropological researches, and we should think all scholars will applaud this decision. Nevertheless, we must not expect from Müller's work to get a view of the whole linguistic system of our globe, a task from which we stand still far removed. Professor Müller's work intends to acquaint us with some peculiarities of the idioms spoken by peoples visited by the Novara expedition, and divides therefore his book into four principal parts—the African, the Hindoo, the Australian, and the Malayo-Polynesian languages. In respect to Africa, he treats only the idioms spoken out of the Negro lands—that is, the language of the Hottentots, the Bantu idioms, and the Hamitic languages in the north-east of Africa. His division concerning the Hindoo Peninsula contains four chapters, namely, the Dravada, the Sanskrit languages, the Singhalese or Ceylon, and a most remarkable and highly interesting dissertation about the origin, development, and extension of the Hindoo characters. The idioms of the Australian continent, together with those in Tasmania, are relatively the poorest part of the book, but it must be confessed that but very little is known of them. The Malayo-Polynesian languages, on the other hand, forming the fourth part of the work, are treated of at great length. The Malayan exceeds in interest the idioms of Polynesia by far. In our opinion the work will occupy a high place in science. The explanatory text is clear, distinct, and devoid of rhetorical flourishes. But to any one who is not a stranger in linguistic geography, it is rich in details, and valuable on account of the strict and critical classification of the languages and their dialects, as far, of course, as is justified by our knowledge of them."

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