

Spanish language which constitute an important exception to this remark. The committee refer to the official and other publications, illustrative of the condition and resources of the Spanish American republics, which are valuable in every point of view, and which can only be securely preserved by the care of an institution like the one now recommended. The official press of Havanna, under the beneficial patronage of the present colonial authorities, has recently given to the world a series of political and historical publications, a few copies of which have reached this country, and are of peculiar value, particularly as books of reference. With some qualification the same remarks apply to Italian literature.

The committee have no means of ascertaining what is the demand for works in German, nor how far the want of them is supplied by libraries already in existence. It is believed, however, that there are many of our fellow-citizens who have either acquired, or are now engaged in the study of that language, who have no authorised access to the only extensive collection of German works in this city; and the committee see with pleasure, among the subscribers to the present plan, the names of several individuals known to be proficient in this department of literature, whose interest will necessarily be represented.

Were no object to be attained, but to enable students to become familiar with the German works of criticism, particularly on the ancient classics, a project directed to that end would deserve the favour of the literary public. In this particular, the labours of the critics and historians of Germany have gained for them unrivalled reputation. When, in addition, it is borne in mind, that besides the peculiar and magnificent productions of the last century, men of genius, both in literature and science from the same portion of mankind, are daily contributing to the stock of intellectual improvement, it forms, in the opinion of the committee, no unimportant recommendation of any design calculated to afford facilities of which the student is at present destitute.

It has never been doubted that if a plan similar to that which is now proposed, were to be submitted to the public, it would be successful, and the committee avail themselves of this opportunity to express the pleasure with which they have perceived the generous patronage that has already been extended to it. A sufficiently large number of subscribers to put the work into operation has been obtained without any extraordinary exertion. It is believed that many more will connect themselves with the institution as soon as it is organized, and that the support which is expected will not be confined to mere subscriptions to the stock, but will extend to donations and

