EDITORIAL

Bernardo Mendel died in New York City on June 1, 1967. For many years before his death, he served as a consultant to Indiana University on Latin American collections. Through his efforts the Lilly Library acquired impressive manuscript collections relating to Latin America and the Spanish empire overseas.

This description of Peruvian manuscripts by Professor Friede is the first publication relating to the manuscripts acquired through Dr. Mendel's efforts. Professor C. R. Boxer has recently completed a catalogue of Philippine manuscripts in the Mendel collections. This catalogue will be published soon as *Occasional Papers*, Number 2, by the Asian Studies Research Institute at Indiana University.