

—Dodd, Mead, & Co. will publish immediately "The Diary of Philip Hone," edited by Bayard Tuckerman. Philip Hone, an old Knickerbocker, was mayor of New York, and for many years high in the councils of the Whig party, and closely identified with the leading interests of New York City in the early part of this century. His diary extends from 1828 to 1845, and is rich in reminiscences of the political and social life and events of that period. "The Life of John Davis, the Navigator," by Clemens R. Markham, the first of a series of great explorers and explorations, is also nearly ready.

—Charles Scribner's Sons published last week a "History of the United States," by Henry Adams. Mr. Adams's work, when complete, will cover the period embracing the two administrations of Jefferson and the two following of Madison, from 1801 to 1817. The two volumes now ready are devoted to the first administration of Jefferson, and to the political, financial, and international questions that arose after the transfer of the control of the government from the Federalists to the then-called Republican party. The first half-dozen chapters are given over to a review of the economic, social, and intellectual status of the country at the beginning of the century, the domestic and foreign policy of Jefferson's administration being then taken up.

—The sixth edition of the well known "Treatise on Dynamics of a Particle," by Professor Tait and the late Mr. W. J. Steele (New York, Macmillan), has been issued. The work was begun by Professor Tait and Mr. Steele towards the end of 1852, and first appeared in 1856. "At Mr. Steele's early death," says Professor Tait in the preface, "his allotted share of the work was uncompleted, and I had to undertake the final arrangement of the whole. In the subsequent editions it has derived much benefit from revision, first by Mr. Stirling of Trinity in 1865, then by Mr. W. D. Niven of Trinity in 1871, and by Professor Greenhill of Emmanuel in 1878. It last appeared after a general revision by myself, with the assistance of Dr. C. G. Knott and of my colleague, Professor Chrystal. The present edition has been prepared by me, with the assistance of Dr. W. Peddie."

—*Agricultural Science* is about to enter upon the fourth year of its existence. From the beginning it has sought to present to its readers, either as original contributions or in the form of abstracts, that work relating to the sciences underlying and as applied to agriculture, such as would serve as an aid in scientific investigation. Popular writing has never found a place in its pages, for the reason that that field is already occupied by ably edited agricultural journals. Among those contributing original articles during 1889 may be mentioned the following: Dr. H. E. Stockbridge, director Indiana Agricultural Experiment Station; E. S. Goff, professor of horticulture University of Wisconsin; Professor H. H. Harrington, chemist to Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. H. W. Wiley, chemist to the United States Department of Agriculture; H. L. Bolley, of Purdue University Botanical Laboratory; F. W. A. Woll, of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station chemical laboratory; Milton Whitney, professor of agriculture in South Carolina University, and vice-director of the experiment station; Dr. E. Lewis Sturtevant, late director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. W. E. Stone, chemist to the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. H. P. Armsby, director of Pennsylvania Agricultural Experiment Station; J. B. Harrison, chemist to Government laboratory, Barbadoes, West Indies; and others. C. S. Plumb, of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., the publisher, states that the foreign subscription list has steadily gained from the first, so that at the present time it extends pretty well over Europe, as well as to Japan and the West Indies, while its original contributions are being translated into prominent scientific journals abroad. Consequently, as it also goes into nearly every experiment station in America, it furnishes the best kind of a medium for those persons who wish to submit scientific papers on agriculture to the largest and most appreciative audience. All are invited to do what they can to aid in increasing the effectiveness of this journal, either by subscriptions or publishing in its pages original contributions. Foreign subscribers are also invited to favor the magazine with contributions, which will be printed either in French or German.

—D. G. Brinton, M.D. (2041 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia) announces for publication "Rig Veda Americana," sacred songs of the ancient Mexicans, with a gloss in Nahuatl. The very ancient religious chants, on which the title of the "American Rig Veda" has been bestowed, are preserved in two Nahuatl manuscripts,—one at Madrid, the other at Florence,—both of which the author personally collated. The gloss, found in the former only, is a sixteenth-century commentary on the obscurities of the text. The songs, or chants, are valuable not merely as curious antiquities, but as throwing light on the religious thought and mythology of the native Mexicans, and as illustrating the archaic forms and sacred locutions of their tongue. They are, without doubt, the most ancient authentic examples of American literature and language in existence. The edition will be quite small; the price, \$3, payable on receipt of the volume.

—J. B. Lippincott Company will publish shortly "With Gauge and Swallow," by Judge Tourgée, a new novel which gives free scope to his fondness for socio-political questions.

—To the many other valuable features of "Webster's Dictionary," Messrs. G. & C. Merriam & Co. have added a pronouncing gazetteer of the world, containing over 25,000 titles, and making over 100 pages of new matter, briefly describing the countries, cities, towns, and natural features of every part of the globe, compiled from recent and authentic sources. The aim of this gazetteer is to answer concisely the main questions that may be asked about any of the leading titles in modern geography,— "What is the orthography of the given name?" "What is its correct local pronunciation?" "What are the main features, natural or artificial, of the place itself?" On all these points it has been their object to bring together accurate information in the briefest form.

—"The Journal of Marie Bashkirtseff," a young Russian artist who died in Paris in 1884 at the age of twenty-three, and which has attracted the admiring attention of the foremost critics of Europe, will be published by Messrs. Cassell & Co. about Nov. 11. Among the most enthusiastic in their praise of this journal is the Right Hon. William E. Gladstone, who, in an article in the *Nineteenth Century*, pronounces it "a book without a parallel." The translation has been made by Mrs. Mary J. Serrano. A portrait of Mlle. Bashkirtseff, and reproduction from her paintings now owned by the Luxembourg Gallery, will accompany this edition.

—Fechner's "Elemente der Psychophysik," the volume that formed the starting-point of all discussion and experimentation in the study of the intensity of sensations, and which has long been out of print, has now, after the death of the author, been reprinted under the supervision of Professor Wundt. A valuable index of Fechner's works, and many useful references, are added.

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