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THE SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION TO CHILI.

The United States Naval Astronomical Expedition to the Southern Hemisphere, during the years 1839 -'40,-'51-'-52-Lieut. J. M. Gilliss, ment-an element which enters into all our Superintendent; Lieut. A. McRae, Acting Master; S. L. Phelps, and Captain's Clerk E. R. Smith, assistants. Vols. 1 and 2, quarto. Published by order of Congress.

Whether progress be or be not considered an inherent element in the constitution of our globe, an increasing expansion of the moral and intellectual powers of man appears to be the characteristic of the present age, and the general tendency is, we believe, to exalt humanity at large, notwitstanding supposed indications to the contrary, arising chiefly from lingering reverences for verse our own earth, know in what direcancient and effete institutions and ideas. Discoveries in science are becoming extended to all the pursuits of life, great and small, and are improving and refining them all. In the professions relating to arms or to national defence by sea and land, this is as obvious as in others. In olden times distinction was sought only at the cannon's month, and its rewards too generally in the dissipation of the mess room; but now the most accomplished officers seek and acquire a purer and more enduring reputation in reconnoitering and exploring, not as military, but as civil engineers, the countries they are bound to defend ; and who does not perceive that to become heroes in peace demands at least as great talents and as noble and patrlotic impulses as in the brute conflicts of war? Moreover, gallantry in battle, when stimulated by intellectual culture, must always be superior to that which emanates from physical organization aloue.

There is no reading the reports of authority upon the use of astronomical in-Fremont, Emory, Whipple, Stevens, struments can be weighed down by no livand those of their associates without being impressed with the manifestations of tion as to its expediency." varied talents and resources ; nor without admiring the easy and unaffected the expedition proposed, and in August, appliances of science in carrying out the objects of the explorations in which they and other talented gentlemen of the army have been so honorably engaged. It is the same in the naval department. By adding to the knowledge, and valuable services rendered by Admiand therefore to the means of increasing rals Beaufort and Smyth, Col. Sabine, Prof. the comforts and promoting the happi- Forbes, of Edinburgh, and others. In June

planet from the sun, but the divisions of the | dy for use about the middle of February. orbits of all the bodies of the solar system in these observations, if successfully made The order proposed, will present data solely American for a sure and indepennot only to the Government, but to all the enterprising citizens of our country. In this view the expedition commends itself to us for warm encouragement and efficient aid in its promotion."

It is thus that the noblest of the sciences is made subservient to and becomes indispensable to human progress. Without astronomy we should have no measure for time; and then there is the potent fact that terrestrial location is only determined by celestial observation, so that we cannot tration we may be going, or tell on what part of it we at any time are, without looking to other worlds for the information. Without astronomy there had been no navigation. Nearly all arts are affected by ocean commerce, so that the science has a bearing on manufactures, from the smallest to the most important articles enumerated in ships' bills of lading.

The correspondence of Dr. Gerling and Lieut. Gilliss was submitted to the American Philosophical Society, the Academy of Pierce, Walker, Loomis, and others eminent for mathematical and astronomical attainments. The proposition of an expedition to Chile was discussed and approved with unanimity. In the letter of Professor Pierce to Lieut. G. is the following emphatic endorsement:

"A more accurate measurement of the sun's parallax in the method proposed by yourself and Dr. Gerling cannot be regarded as inferior in importance to any problem in practical astronomy, and when sustained as to its practicability by the opinions of Dr. Bache and Mr. Walker, whose

ing testimony, there can be no further ques-Finally, Congress approved the plan o

1848, made the requisite appropriations for the construction of observatories and for the purchase of the requisite instruments, of both American and foreign manufacture. A deep interest was manifested for the success of the expedition in England,

volves not only the distance of our own justment; so that the instrument was rea- qually favorable might not occur for seve-"But it must not be inferred that our nights importance merited a special appropriation from 31st of January were passed idly .--Observations for approximate place of the circle had commenced some days before, the requisite experiments on the ascending to sidereal astronomy of the present age. and extra hours of every night were spent i) becoming familar with the details of the by the time its adjustments were perfected, both of us were expert in its manipulation. Beginning within 5 deg. of the south pole, then commenced in zones or belts 24' wide.

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Working steadily towards the zenith on acquainted than probably any other intellisuccessive nights until compelled to re- gent white man with the most remarkable turn below again to connect in right ascen- and least known of the Aborigines, the unsion, the place of every celestial body that conquered Araucanians, an account of noted down. The space immediately sur- ter an absence of three years and a quar-

rounding the south pole was swept in one ter. belt of 5 deg. by moving the circle, and the polar belt there are forty-eight others ; making in all 24 deg. 12' of declination, within which we obtained 33,600 observations of some 23,000 stars, more than 20,000 of them never previously tabulated. In these determinations, and others for instru-

rival of Mr. S. L. Phelps, in September, 1850, to replace Passed Midshipman Hunter, who never became available, Lieutenfrom six to seven hours of every night .--From October, 1850, Messrs. MacRae and Phelps had the entire charge of the instru ment for zone observations. When an accident to one of its screws compelled the services of both at the same time until a

ted every other night to the examination of stars in the catalogue of Lacaille, and between the zenith and our upper zone. which hed never been re-observed. These, together with observations of the moon. planets, stars selected from the Nautical cies between our estimations of the magnitudes of stars and those of preceding obser-

of cases; but we endeavored to preserve a plied by the expedition. uniform system, and will reconcile discordances if we can. There were many erplaces of the British Association publica-

termination of the solar parallax, which in- undivided attention to its erection and ad. cidating, and for which an opportunity e- be occupied with the magnetical and meteorological observations; and the seventh ral years. To accomplish an object whose will form a catalogue of all the stars observed, of which more than twenty thouand outfit ,Lieut. McRae volunteered, and, sand were never before observed-one of being provided with instruments to make the greatest, if not the greatest, contribution

> and descending sides of the Andes, was di. rected by Lieut. Gilliss to return home by superb instrument that Messrs. Pistor and the Uspallata pass and the pampas of Bue-pheres. Reflecting honor on the Govern-Martins had sent us from Berlin; and thus, nos Ayres. Mr. Smith, too, with charac- ment, and especially on the department to teristic enterprise, determined to see something more of Chile than his constant du- longed, they are such as tend to elevate us ties at Santiago and its vicinity permitted, as a people and to secuse to us a commana systematic sweep of the heavens was resigned his appointment, proceeded into ding influence among the most enlightened the Southern provinces, and became better of nations.

Of the reputation of the Chief of the United States Naval Astronomical Expedition in Europe we are glad to perceive evidences in his name being already enrollpassed across the field of the telescope, to whom he has recently published. Lieut. ed among the members of the academies stars of the tenth magnitude, was carefully Gilliss and Mr. Phelps reached home af- of science in Marburg, Dantzig, Leipsig, and Berlin.

The results of the special labors of the BUSINESS CARDS. each zone overlaps those adjoining both in expedition, chiefly embodied in tabular right ascension and declination. Above form, will of course not be adapted for popular interest, nor have they yet passed through the press. Other information contained in the volumes before us was collected in accordance with instructions of the Oct. 1, 1854. Secretary of the Navy, that the repor

should embrace such knowledge of a use mental errors, longitudes, &c., until the ar- ful character as there might be opportuni- UPHOLSTERS & PAPER HANGERS. ties to obtain. Volume I, besides Lieut. Gilliss's narra

tive of the expedition, including graphic Arts and Sciences, to Professors Bache, ant MacRae and myself alternately passed descriptions of Panama, Lima, Valparaiso, and other places, has two chapters interesting to meteorologists, being observations made in going out and returning in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, at Panama, Lima, Copiapo, and the Candelaria mine on the summit of Chanarcillo, &c. The chap-

new one was received from Berlin, I devo. ter on earthquakes includes phenomena Liberal observed during all the tremblings recorded at Santiago from November 2, 1849, to September, 1852, and also notices of others .-But the greater part of the volume is occupied with an account of Chile, and of Chile as it is, not of what it has been. We Almanac, &c., number about 9,000 meas- are sure no modern book offers so accurate ures. As may be supposed, the discrepan- and so fresh a description of that country, its people, government, and resources. Among the illustrations is a panoramic view vers were very considerable in a multitude of Santiago and a new map of Chile, com-

Liberal cash advances made on consignments of Naval Stores, Cotton, and other produce. May 3, 1854. Volume II opens with the report of the accomplished McRae's solitary and to him rors in Laacille's work at the Cape of most creditable mission. It consists of two Good Hope, and quite a number of his parts: 1. The narrative of his journey-C. & D. DuPRE. stars certainly do not exist in the reduced ings across the Andes and Pampas of the WHOLE SALE AND RETAL DEALERS IN Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oll, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars, Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c., MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, N. C. Argentine Republic; 2. The observations tion; but we were only amazed that he made for the determination of geographi-COMMISSION MERCHANT, should have been able to accomplish so cal positions, elevations, and uragnetic ele-Sept. 30. much and so well with a telescope only ments of the several stations selected behalf an inch in diameter and in the tween Santiago and Montevideo. This scarefully :ompour enced persons. part will remain a memento of the scientispace of ten months. March 28, 1854. "It was a great satisfaction to work with fic attainments and enterprise of one of the an instrument like ours, but there was al- noblest of nature's cadets, now, alas! no WILLIAM II, PEAKE, most too much of it. Out of one hundred more Between Mendoza and San Luis COLLECTOR AND ADVERTISING AGENT. and thirty-two consecutive nights after the his mule having thrown him and broken For Country Newspapers throughout the equatorial was mounted there were only the barometer, it was feared that the rates United States. seven cloudy ones ! Of necessity, to afford of the chronometers, which he carried on Basement of Sun Iron Bu Lings, Baltimore street so large a proportion, the air must be ex- his person, might have been destroyed by All business entrusted to his care transacted ceedingly destitute of moisture-a condi- the concussion, and thus have doubts cast promptly, or liberalterms. sept 7, 1854. with the undertaking that was designed to tion of things favorable to telescopic vision, upon the longitudes of the remaining sta-95-tf General Commission Merchants, but not so to eyes employed during prolon- tions. The accident only brought into No 32, North Wharves, 11/1 63 North Water Sts. PHILADELPHIA. T. C. & B. G. WORTH, ged observations. To persons accustomed, higher relief a fine trait in his character He determined, cost what it might, to per-COMMISSION AND FORWIRDING MERCHNNTS, as we had been, to heat and moisture com-HARVEY COCHBAN. WILMINGTON, N. C. r. s. RUSSELL. Liberal cash a wances made on consignments. bined, the change proved, as has been inti- fect the work he had undertaken. He ar-Jan 17, 1854. 125-0 mated, exceedingly trying; but with such rived at Buenos Ayres exhausted of funds July 30th, 1354. sailed thence to New York, and, having instruments, and under suck a sky, who **JOSEPH H. FLANNER**, learned that Congress had awarded extra . DÖLLNER. G. POTTER. Jr. J. CAMERDEN. **General Commission Merchant**. WILMINGTON, N. C. 87-1y-c. omical enthusiasm would not have battled pay to officers and men who had served in against the approach of human infirmities, the Pacific during the M-xican war, he COMMISSION MERCHANTS, May 9th, 1854. April30, 1854. though hard to bear except when surroundrew his pay, found it sufficient for his JAS. H. CHADBOURN & CO., ded by friends eager to serve and soothe ? purpose, volunteered to return and at his "Out of sight, out of mind,' runs the proown cost verify and complete the chain of General Commission Merchants, verb. We were on the farther extremity barometrical observations across the Pam-WILMINGTON, N. C. WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCER, JAB. H. CHADBOURN. GEO. CHADBOURN. Jun. 1, 1854. 123. of the continent, and so distant that the pas. Having been permitted by the Sec-AND DEALER IN LIQUORS. WINES ALE. PORTER, 4-0 retary of the Navy to do so, he left New words of my earnest appeals for help grew cold before they reached home, unmista- York in August, 1853, crossed the Andes HENRY NUTT, keably convincing me before the close of by the Portillo Pass to Santiago, returned, Feb. 17th, 1855. FACTOR AND FORWARDING AGENT. the first autumn that one of the objects of and completed his report in June, 1854. Will give his personal attention to business entrus sept. 8, 1854. the expedition could not only be partially The narrative is very characteristic o accomplished. I had hoped the day was the lamented author. A clever, dashing, 75 ly-c. and delightful journatist he is, playful and not distant when astronomers would say, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, the American navy has mapped the whole GEORGE MYERS, light-hearted under all circumstances; noheavens. The Observatory at Washingthing could dishearten him, neither rascal WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCER ity of arrieros, loss of mules, kicks from Keeps constantly on hand, Wines. Teas, Liqu Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Flour, Grain and Seeds, Butter, Cheese, Lard. ton had commenced a catalogue intended to embrace all the stars that appear at a them, with dislocated bones, absence of Dried Fruits, Smoked Meats and Pro-Confectionaries, d.c. South Frontstreet, WILMINGTON, N. C. sufficient height above its horizon. With food, beds, and fire. His journal is a vademucum for travellers across the Pampas NO. 4, FRONTST. NEAR THE BATTER sufficient force we could easily have tabu-109. Nov. 18, 1853. lated the remainder, and the noble work Besides the usual subjects of remark, there To avoid errors and delays, it is desirable that would have been a monument to the ser- are individual portraits, of which that of GEORGE HOUSTON, consignors be very particular to put their initials upon Goods shipped to us for sale. vice for all time But it was not to be .-the host of San Luis is likely to become DEALER IN June 14. There is a limit to physical exertion under classical. Groceries, Provisions, and Naval Stores; every clime, and we were not less human The remainder of the volume is occupied COMMISSION MERCHANT. than our kind. I had only half the requiwith important contributions of the expe-O F the best quality, and Bungs of all sizes always on hand. J. R. BLOSSO 1. 97. VESSEL AND FORWARDING AGENT, site number of assistants for an undertak- dition to mineralogy, antiquities, zoology, WILMINGTON, N. C. ing so laborious; and, fixing that limit at ornithology, repules, fishes, crustacea, 60-1f Aug. 2. Nov. 4. the utmost bound consonant with the preshells, plants, and fossils. The appendicservation of health and vision, when my es on natural history no future writer on PUBLIC HALL. THOSE SUPERIOR articles, manufactured in Wilmington by Messes. Coston & Gafford, are offered for sale by the undersigned, who has THE MASONIC HALL is offered for publ own time was occupied in observations of Chile can overlook, while their illustrations, Exhibitions, Lectures or Entertainments. Mars or Venus, until the meridian circle colored and plain, surpass in artististic ex-P. W. FANNING, Agt. Oct. 6. pointments, and the glowing enthusiasm | was again in complete order, it was neces- | ecution any thing of the kind. 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A CERTAIN DISEASE. Men the misguided and imprudent votary of pleasure finds he has imblued the sceds of this painful disease, it too often happens that an ill-tim-ed sense of shame, or dread of discovery. deters him from applying to those who, trom education and respectability, can alone befriend him, delay-ing till the const utional sysmptoms of this horrid disease make their appearance, such as ulcerated sore throat diseased nose, noctural pains in the head and limbs, dimness of sight, deafness, nodes on the shin bones and arms, blotches on the head, face and extremities, progress on with frightful ra-pidity, till at last the palate of the mouth or the bones of the nose fall in, and the victim of this awful disease becomes a horrid object of commis-seration, till death puts a period to his dreadful suf-ferings, by sending him to "that, bourne from whence no traveller returns." To such therefore. Dr. Johnston pledges himself to preserve the most inviolable secresy; and, from his extensive prac-tice in the first Hospitalsin Europe and America.

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ness of our species, the expeditions of 1849, a circular was issued from the Na-Wilkes and Perry have achieved for tional Observitory, by order of the Hon. those officers and their assistants a more W. B. Preston, Secretary of the Navy, anenviable fame than if they had sunk the nouncing to astronomers generally the orfleets of an enemy.

Though we cannot boast of a personal acquaintance with the Chief of the United States Astronomical Expedition to the Southern hemisphere, we have not been unobservant of his career from 1836, when he entered as assistant, and in the same year became superintendent of the depot of charts and instruments. ity with astronomy, and his well-known Here his labors were appreciated, as proficiency in collateral sciences, he had having a high bearing on the true in- left no efforts untried to secure the honor terests of the navy, and he was authori- of the new observations to American that possessed the least particle of astronzed by the Departments and the Board science. of Naval Commissioners to add to his apparatus and assistants, ountil he had six officers constantly employed in observations of the first importance to nautical men. The stinging remark addressed in 1836 to some members of Congress, "there is not an officer of the navy capable of conducting a scientific enterprise," had its effect on Lieut Gillis, whose energetic efforts to increase the standard of intelligence in the service were unflagging until the depot of charts was merged in the naval, and now more generally known as the National Observatory, of which he was the mounting of the telescope commenced a founder and in fact the finisher. In the selection of its instruments he visited Europe and had the assistance of its ablest astronomers.

A new determination of the solar parallax, and by other methods than those of the last century, is a desideratum in- limits of this notice the briefest sketch of volving, among other important points, the progress and accomplishment of an enthe distances at which the planets sweep terprise which belongs to those that mark round the sun. In 1847 the subject epochs in the intellectual history of nations. was introduced by Dr. Gerling, a dis- An extract or two is all that we can make tinguished German astronomer, in a room for. Of the arduous nature of the letter to Lieut. Gillis, in which he stated work, of perseverance. under difficulties, that in his opinion astronomers have brilliant successes, most grievous disapacted unwisely in considering the solar parallax deduced from the transits of which true science inspires, we have glimp-Venus in 1761 and 1769 sufficiently cor- ses on pages 506-7, volume 1: rect, and do not avail themselves of more modern methods of observations. uninterrupted fine weather. From the 10th It is true, he says, that the oppositions of December, when the equatorial was of Mars were long ago proposed for this ready for use, night followed night unripurpose, but he is not aware of any ef- valled in serenity; and to the close of the extend every possible consideration to its umes, which make such positive additions fective use having been made of them first series of observations on the planet since 1751. There is, however, a third Mars-January 31-there were but four method which presented itself to him, unsuited to work. Labor so continuous, in and which he cannot comprehend why it should have been so long neglected, viz. observations of Venus during the period of its retrograde motion, and more especially when the planet is stationary.

'l'o readers unacquainted with the bearings of astronomy on the ordinary affairs of life the caestion is apt to oc-cur, Cui bono? The answer was given in the language of the Hon. F. P. Stanton, chairman of the Naval Committee came wholly charged with the metereologiof the House of Representatives :

"It is proposed to set on foot an expedi-tion to the most southern available position on the Western Continent for the purpose of making observations on the planet Ve. vations of the planet were accumulated; nus during the period of her retrograde mo- and by the time that this series terminated tion, in conjunction with similar observa-tions to be made at the Observatory in this city, with a view to the more accurate de-

ganization of the expedition. and inviting their co-operation, so far as might be con-

venient to them, in making a series of corresponding operations. Lieut. Gilliss was appropriately charged enlarge the boundaries of science and for the benefit of the world at large. Besides being eminently fitted for it by his familiar-

His three assistants having sailed via Cape Horn with the equipments and apparatus, Lieut. Gilliss left New York in Au. gust, 1849, crossed the Isthmus to Panama, and proceeded thence to Santiago, the capital of Chile. The hill Lucia, overlooking that city and constituting one of its suburbs, was selected as the site of the observatory, the Chilian Government promptly recognising the importance and utility of the enterprise and cheerfully according every facility. After tedious labor in leveling the rocky base, the revolving structure was completed, to no small amusement of the natives. With them the new era, and through it Saturn presented a never-failing source of admiration and interest to the crowds that at certain hours were afforded opportunities of beholding the planet, with its gorgeous system of

rings and satellites. It is impossible to comprise within the

"During the summer and autumn months succeeding our errival there was almost a climate as dry almost as an oven, told severely on unacclimated constitutions : and it was soon perceived that the principal assistant must be temporariy released natural and political history, and its geolo- termine the parallaxes of Mars and Venus, or be broken down, perhaps permanently. The opportunity to send him to Valparaiso for the meridian circle was, therefore, a welcome one, and Messrs. Hunter and Smith recorded for me on alternate nights until the former was disabled by being thrown from a horse. All the aid then was from Mr. Smith : besides which duty he becal observations for every third hour between 6 A. M. and midnight. Within the forty-eight working nights embraced between the above dates nearly 1,400 obser-

our residence at Santiago the Government of France. evinced the most earnest disposition to forward the objects of the expedition, and to of Congress will see that those two volmembers, officially and personally. To its to the stock of useful knowledge, have a

liberal and enlightened policy on all ques- place in at least one public library within tions of science, literature, or art, the world his district. is indebted for more than one valuable con-The third volume is devoted to the spetribution. Its schools of art, music, paintcial observations for which the expedition ing, and botany; its elaborate work on its was authorized by Congress-viz : to degical and topographical survey, are all evi- from which, by Kepler's third law, that of dences of its generous patronage. The the sun is deducible. To inspire the fullest culminating step was yet to be taken." confidence of astronomers it was consider-It was taken, and Lieut. Gilliss had the ed proper that the discussion of the result honor of founding the National Observatory should be assigned to a competent astronoof Chile. He had previously initiated one mer, who had borne no part in the obserof the professors and two of the students of vations, and who would treat them in a the National Institute in the requisite know- wholly impartial manner. To this end the ledge and in the use of the instruments .-- determination of the fundamental basis of He has, therefore, enduringly identified astronomical measurement, from all the himself with astronomical science in both corresponding observations on the Eastern sections of the Western hemisphere. and Western as well as the Northern and Although the prescribed duties of the Southern hemisphere, has been assigned to

expedition had now been fulfilled, and Dr. B. A. Gould, of Cambridge, who has nothing remained but to return home, there invited Prof. Pierce, of Harvard College,

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