
Papers by Wilson L. Scott, Ronald Calinger, James W. Marchand, Guenter B. Risse, L. Pearce Williams.

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Claude-Julien Bredin (1776-1854) and André-Marie Ampère (1775-1836) had a brief correspondence.
3. **[Annuaire Scientifique]** DEHERAIN, Pierre Paul (1830-1902).


Original yellow printed wrappers; lightly worn edges, dust-soiling to covers. Very good. RARE. [BL4324]

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Includes a paper on the 1862 comet. Deherain was the doctoral advisor of the Nobel Prize winner Henri Moissan (1906 for Chemistry). This scientific journal offers contributions on astronomy, physics, chemistry, geology, zoology, mechanics, applied chemistry & physics, and agriculture. Among the papers are: Guillemin, *La Seconde comete de 1862*, [and] *Les petites planetes et les cartes ecliptiques* (p.37), Saint-Edme, *Etude sur les Courants d’induction* (p.50+), etc. Among the names mentioned are Ampere, Arago, Bergmann, Berthelot, Berzelius, Boyle, Bunsen, Cassini, Davy, Deville, Dumas, Euler, Faraday, Foucault, Galvani, Gay-Lussac, Halley, Humboldt, Huygens, Joule, Lavoisier, Leblanc,Pasteur, Priestley, Schwann, Wurtz, etc.

FIRST EDITION. Peyrard was the librarian of the Ecole Polytechnique from 1795 to 1804 and is best known for his translations of Archimedes and Euclid. Falling into serious disagreement with the military governor of the school, General Lacuee, Peyrard fell from favor and his position in 1804. His translations of Archimedes and Euclid resulted from his access to and the study of ancient documents brought back to Paris, by Napoleon, as spoils of war. During the stormy period at the Ecole, Peyrard was performing the work upon which his reputation is based: the translations of the great Greek mathematicians. In 1804 he began the translation of Euclid’s Elements of geometry, which received the approval of the school and was officially adopted by the imperial school library. Delambre read the texts and compared them to the original Greek. Three years later came The Works of Archimedes. Between 1814 and 1818, Peyrard published the Works of Euclid in Greek, Latin and French from a very old manuscript that had remained unknown until that time. Although the translation of Archimedes by Peyrard is
now outdated as a result of Johan Ludvig Heiberg’s (1854-1928) translations (1880, 1912).


Erich Rudolf Bagge was a German scientist, a student of Werner Heisenberg. He was engaged in German Atomic Energy research and the German nuclear energy project during the Second World War. He worked as an Assistant at the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut für Physik in Berlin.

**WITH: AULT, J. P. & William Fischer WALLIS.** “Halley’s observations of the magnetic declination, 1698-1700.” Offprint from: *Terrestrial Magnetism and Atmospheric Electricity*, September, 1913. ¶ 8vo. 113-126; 126-132 pp. 1 fig., tables; tables. Printed wrappers; spine mended with kozo, ms. notes on top cover. Good. [S5903] $10.95

Louis Agricola Bauer was an American geophysicist, astronomer and magnetician. “The spelling of the ports visited by Halley’s ship, the Paramour Pink, was modernized. It was thought desirable, however, to retain Halley’s dates as given by him, which apply to the old style calendar; to refer them to the new style calendar, it would be necessary to add 10 days in 1698-99 and 11 days in 1700. The latitudes and longitudes, given in the columns headed “Halley’s noon position”, are those as published in Halley’s journal, all his reckoning being made from noon to noon. The latitude usually results from “a good observation” at noon and the longitude is obtained by reckoning from the previous noon position, except in a very few cases as described in the footnotes . . .”

Bede, “also known as Saint Bede, The Venerable Bede, and Bede the Venerable (Latin: Beda Venerabilis), was an English monk and an author and scholar. He was one of the greatest teachers and writers during the Early Middle Ages, and his most famous work, Ecclesiastical History of the English People, gained him the title “The Father of English History”. He served at the monastery of St Peter and its companion monastery of St Paul in the Kingdom of Northumbria of the Angles.”


PROVENANCE: Matthew Paul Moyle (1788-1880), meteorologist and writer on mining, was born at Chacewater, Cornwall, 4 October 1788, and educated at Guy’s and St. Thomas’s Hospitals. “He became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1809, and was afterwards in practice at Helston in Cornwall for the long period of sixty-nine years. A considerable portion of his practice consisted in attending the men accidentally injured in the tin and copper mines of his neighbourhood, and his attention was thus led to mining.” – Wikip.

☐ Bakken p.153 [1838 issue]; Ronalds p.80 [1838 issue]; Wheeler Gift, I, 1197 [1851 ed.].

First edition. A survey of various scientific subjects of interest to Brunetti, who was principally a mathematician. These subjects range from mechanics, to the properties of sound, to pyrotechnics, and offer insight into the state of Italian popular science in the mid-18th century.

In 1754 the author issued another similarly styled work on geography, meteorology, astronomy, entitled, *Trattenimenti scientifici su la sfera, geografia istorica, meteore, ed astronomia*. Unknown to Honeyman (who had two other works by this author), Hunter Rouse, Singer.

“The cited works of Brunetti are fairly rare and sought after more for the singular way in which he deals with the subjects of applied mathematics rather than for their scientific importance.” – Riccardi, *Biblioteca Matematica Italiana* (translated from the Italian).


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Second edition. Fifth Thousand. Includes a broad selection of letters to 28 different recipients on a variety of topics, selected by Darwin’s son Francis, who was “largely guided by the wish to illustrate [his] father’s personal character.” Topics include Darwin’s early life, “The Foundations of the ‘Origin of Species”, botanical letters, and many others. Correspondents include Louis Agassiz, H. W. Bates, Thomas Henry Huxley, Asa Gray, and others, along with various family members.

PROVENANCE: Sir Charles Scott Sherrington (1857-1952) was an English neurophysiologist, pathologist, and bacteriologist who won the NOBEL PRIZE in Medicine in 1932 for his work on the function of neurons, and served as president of the Royal Society in the early 1920s. Hugh Macdonald Sinclair (1910-1990), was a doctor, medical researcher in nutrition and Master of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries. He was best known for his lifelong crusade against “bad fats”, which he believed to be a primary cause of cancer and heart disease in developed countries.


Three parts in one volume. Emerson was an eccentric English Mathematician best known for his textbooks. The three parts: I: Mechanics; or, the doctrine of motion. . . . II: The Projection of the Sphere, orthographic, stereographic, and gnomonical.
III: The Laws of Centripetal and Centrifugal Force. . . The text contains a wide range of practical applications to mechanics: the pendulum, planes, curved surfaces, beams of timber, strength of materials, stress, power of engines, hydrostatics, pneumatics, gravity, friction, wheel carriages, hand mill, watches, etc. Emerson was a mathematician and taught the subject. He was a prolific author, with his *Principles of Mechanics* being first issued in 1754 and re-issued in subsequent editions.

PROVENANCE: George Couper (1788-1861), Heugh Street, South Shields [county of Durham, U.K.], June 10th 1815, was a colonel in the British army, and made a baronet in 1841.


Reprint of 1905 printing. Bibliography of German Universities; Systematically arranged index of books and essays on the German university system printed up to the end of 1899. Erman was a prominent librarian in Germany. In 1874 he worked at the former Royal Library, Berlin, becoming director in 1889. In 1901 he served as director at the Wroclaw University Library, followed by heading the University Library of Bonn, until retirement (1907-1920).

“Rollo Appleyard, whose death occurred on March 1, was one of those pioneer engineer-physicists who did so much during the last few decades of the nineteenth century to establish British electrical industry on a scientific basis.” – Obituary, by P. Dunsheath, *Nature*, 20 March 1943.

L. Pearce Williams’ copy (no markings).

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L. Pearce Williams’ copy with his pencil notes throughout. Williams wrote a leading biography of Faraday.
24.  [FARADAY, Michael (1791-1867)] Geoffrey N. CANTOR (1943-).


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Michael Faraday has become renowned as the discoverer of such phenomena as electromagnetic rotation, electromagnetic induction and the laws of electrochemistry. Moreover, his theoretical insights provided the basis for field theory. This book locates Faraday and his science in the context of the Sandemanians, an obscure Christian fundamentalist sect to which he belonged. After outlining the history of the sect, Faraday’s social and political views, including his attitude to the scientific community, are shown to derive from the Sandemanian
social philosophy. Likewise, his profoundly religious understanding of nature is seen as permeating many aspects of his science. Geoffrey Cantor is also the author of “Optics after Newton” and co-editor of “Companion to the History of Modern Science”.

“Geoffrey N. Cantor is emeritus professor of history and philosophy of science at the University of Leeds and Honorary Senior Research Associate at UCL Department of Science and Technology Studies at University College London. He has written extensively on the history of science since the 17th century, including books upon Michael Faraday, the wave theory of light and the responses of the Quaker and Jewish religions to science.” -- Wikip.

“Professor Geoffrey Cantor trained as a Physicist, gaining his PhD in radiophysics at King’s College, London. While pursuing this research he discovered History and Philosophy of Science and started taking courses with Larry Laudan in that new and exciting subject, while teaching Physics at a school. The HPS department at the University of Indiana beckoned and enabled him to retrain as an historian. He has spent most of his professional life teaching HPS at the University of Leeds, where he has moved progressively from the history of physics to historical studies of science and religion. The initial project that bridged the two areas resulted in his Michael Faraday, Sandemanian and Scientist (1991).” – International Society for Science & Religion.

PROVENANCE: L. Pearce Williams’ copy.

PROVENANCE: L. Pearce Williams’ copy.

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The original printing of this book is very scarce -- not one copy on the market at this moment, thus this copy of the original. Naccari Professor of physics from the University of Turin, wrote this work without using any mathematical formulas. He gives more space to Faraday’s scientific work than to his biography. “He lays great stress upon Faraday’s electro-optic pioneering discoveries as having been provocative of so much of the later development of physics.” – *Nature*, March 24, 1910, (review of) p. 95.

PROVENANCE: L. Pearce Williams’ copy.

PROVENANCE: L. Pearce Williams’ copy (no markings).
“Faraday visited Wales in 1819, 1822 and 1848. The 1819 visit was a combined walk and coach tour from Blackrock near Chepstow to Amlwch, Anglesey. He committed his impressions to writing and the resulting Journal is published here for the first time. It reveals a personality that may surprise those who have always regarded Faraday exclusively as a scientific genius. His reactions to natural beauty; his magnanimity; his acute observation . . .”

PROVENANCE: L. Pearce Williams’ copy.

PROVENANCE: L. Pearce Williams’ copy (no markings).
Fontenelle (31)

Early edition in English, of the author’s *Nouveaux dialogues des morts*. Fontenelle was one of the earliest authors of “popular science” texts. While not much of a researcher himself, he found great success expounding the discoveries of his contemporaries in such a way that a broad audience could make sense of them. In his own time his popularity as an author among educated French society was second only to Voltaire, and he was in fact “described by Voltaire as having the most universal mind produced by the era of Louis XIV” – Britannica.
Fontenelle’s *Dialogues of the Dead* was very popular at the time of its publication, and the basic conceit of the book is still employed by authors today. In the work, Fontenelle imagines dialogues between great minds of various eras, such as the philosophers Socrates and Montaigne or the physicians Erasistratus and William Harvey. This allows the imagined speakers to present their views in a naturalistic way, making them much more palatable to lay readers who might have difficulty sloughing through more scholarly works like *On the Motion of the Heart* and *Blood in Animals*. ESTC T139460.

Translator’s dedication signed: John Hughes


The Grosse Naturforscher series produced authoritative biographies (or histories) of notable (mostly German, but including other nationalities) German figures in the history of science, including biology, acoustics, chemistry, metallurgy, geology, embryology, botany, exploration, ornithology, etc.


Ludovico Geymonat was an Italian mathematician, philosopher and historian of science.


Contains: L. MAIERÙ, Considerazioni attorno alla dimostrazione nella matematica del Cinque-Seicento: analisi e sintesi in Francesco Barozzi e in John Wallis lettori di Pappo, page 283; Francesco Paolo RAIMONDI, Pomponazzi’s Criticism of Swineshead and the Decline of the Calculatory Tradition in Italy» 311; Fabio ACERBI, Le fonti del mito platonico di Galileo» 359; F. P. DE CEGLIA, Giorgio Coresio. Note in merito a un difensore dell’opinione d’Aristotele» 393; Christiane
Francesco Paolo de Ceglia, is a Professor of History of Science at the University of Bari, where he directs the Interuniversity Research Center, Seminary of the History of Science. He has often been a fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin.

Christiane Vilain, Paris Diderot University, Département Histoire et Philosophie des Sciences.

Ivor Owen Grattan-Guinness (1941-2014) was a historian of mathematics and logic. He was a pioneer in expanding the role of the history of mathematics in education.

Lee Rather was a pathologist and respected medical historian at Stanford University. He is known for writing, among other contributions, a definitive biography of Virchow (a collected works as well, 1985, 2 vols.), the founder of cellular pathology, who was the first person to use the ordinary light microscope to examine very thin sections of pathological materials.


“In his 1799 doctorate in absentia, A new proof of the theorem that every integral rational algebraic function of one variable can be resolved into real factors of the first or second degree, Gauss proved the fundamental theorem of algebra which states that every non-constant single-variable polynomial with complex coefficients
has at least one complex root. Mathematicians including Jean le Rond d’Alembert had produced false proofs before him, and Gauss’s dissertation contains a critique of d’Alembert’s work. Ironically, by today’s standard, Gauss’s own attempt is not acceptable, owing to implicit use of the Jordan curve theorem. However, he subsequently produced three other proofs, the last one in 1849 being generally rigorous. His attempts clarified the concept of complex numbers considerably along the way.” Gauss – Wikip.


First edition. “Josiah Willard Gibbs was an American scientist who made significant theoretical contributions to physics, chemistry, and mathematics. His work on the applications of thermodynamics was instrumental in transforming physical chemistry into a rigorous inductive science. Together with James Clerk Maxwell and Ludwig Boltzmann, he created statistical mechanics (a term that he coined), explaining the laws of thermodynamics as consequences of the statistical
properties of ensembles of the possible states of a physical system composed of many particles.”

The author, Wheeler, was a physicist and expert in radio communication, worked at Yale, the Naval Research Laboratory, and the Federal Communications Commission.


Includes: L. Pearce Williams’ “Kant, Naturphilosophie and Scientific Method.” Ronald Giere was an American philosopher of science who was an emeritus professor of philosophy at the University of Minnesota. Richard S. Westfall, biographer and historian of science. He is best known for his biography of Isaac Newton and his work on the scientific revolution of the 17th century. He taught several places, and from 1963-1989 he was at Indiana University.

“Richard Goldschmidt was one of the most controversial biologists of the twentieth century.” – Michael Dietrich, University of Pittsburgh.

This is the first volume of two. The second volume, *Geschichte der organischen Chemie seit 1880*, is by Paul Walder, 1940 (not present here). With the first volume of the history of organic chemistry, Carl Graebe laid the foundation for a work that presents the dynamics of the researcher and the development of scientific chemistry. He not only elaborates on the main lines and the emergence of fundamental research results, but also gives a comprehensive presentation of the objects of chemical work. The exact citation of the original literature used allows the researcher to locate the sources themselves.

First issued in 1959. Anderson Hunter Dupree was an American historian and one of the pioneer historians of the history of science and technology in the United States. Hunter Dupree entered Harvard University, where he completed his master’s degree in 1947, and his Ph.D. in 1952, having written his doctoral dissertation on Asa Gray, titled “Asa Gray: The Development of a Statesman of Science, 1810–1848”.

Professor Hall was from the Washington University, Department of Biology. He is also known for his editorship of *Source Book of Animal Biology*. 

$ 6.95

The autobiography of the wife of Hermann von Helmholtz. She was the daughter of Robert von Mohl (1799-1875) and his wife Pauline, nee Cup.


Edited by Arthur P. Molella, Nathan Reingold, Marc Rothenberg, Joan F. Steiner, Kathleen Waldenfels. Foreword by Lewis Thomas.
50. **HOWE, Octavius Thorndike** (1851-1931); Frederick C. MATTHEWS. *American Clipper Ships 1833-1858*. Salem: Marine Research Society, 1926-27. ¶ Series: Publication ... of the Marine Research Society, 13. Two volumes. Large 8vo. xiii, 372; ix, 374-780 pp. Color frontis., illus., index. Gilt-stamped, single ruled blue cloth; extremities rubbed. Burndy bookplate, gift of Bern Dibner, and ink signatures (twice!) of Fred Matthews, vol. 1 has tipped in article about Matthews; SIGNED BY THE AUTHOR. Very good. [BL3217]

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Octavius Thorndike Howe was born in Beverly, Massachusetts in 1815. He was a ship captain engaged in trade in San Francisco. He died in 1895. – Harvard University Library.

Frederick C. Matthews was a maritime historian who wrote many articles for “Pacific Marine Review”, and compiled lists of sailing vessels. – Archive of California. See: Howes H-726.

James Prescott Joule “showed an early interest in science and appears to have derived particular amusement from passing electric shocks through servants and friends and from some hazardous attempts to capture atmospheric electricity with a kite. James Joule is best known for his determination of the mechanical equivalent of heat by means of a paddle-wheel rotating in water. By virtue of this one striking experiment, Joule is assured of a place in any physics textbook and his name is honored by the ‘J’ that is used to symbolize the equivalent. He proved conclusively that, when a certain quantity of mechanical energy, or work, is converted into heat, nothing can be lost in the process and exactly the same quantity of energy must reappear as heat.” – Elsevier.

Michel Meyer was a Belgian philosopher, founder of problematology and professor at the Université libre de Bruxelles and at the University of Mons-Hainaut. In this book he studied Kent’s metaphysical thinking.

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[Vols. 2-3-4]: $25

Kohlrausch came from a German family of scholars. His grandfather was a renowned physicist, his uncle Friedrich Wilhelm Kohlrausch, was one of the most important physicists of his time in Germany, became the founder of systematic physical measurement and later President of the Physical-Technical Institute of Berlin. Karl Kohlrausch began his studies in physics at the University of Vienna in 1903, graduating with his Ph.D. in 1907 with a theme about the statistical nature of radioactive decay. From 1908-1920 he was an assistant at the Physics Institute of Franz Serafin Exner. From 1912-1920 he gave an honorary lectureship at the Vienna Music Academy. From 1917 to 1920 he was teaching color theory at the Art School.
Although Alfred Louis Kroeber “is known primarily as a cultural anthropologist, he did significant work in archaeology and anthropological linguistics, and he contributed to anthropology by making connections between archaeology and culture. He conducted excavations in New Mexico, Mexico, and Peru. In Peru he helped found the Institute for Andean Studies (IAS) with the Peruvian anthropologist Julio C. Tello and other major scholars.

Kroeber and his students did important work collecting cultural data on western tribes of Native Americans. The work done in preserving information about California tribes appeared in *Handbook of the Indians of California* (1925).

Alfred Louis Kroeber “was an American cultural anthropologist. He received his PhD under Franz Boas at Columbia University in 1901, the first doctorate in anthropology awarded by Columbia. He was also the first professor appointed to the Department of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley.”

Thomas Talbot Waterman was an American anthropologist. Kroeber wrote an obituary for Waterman, described Waterman as “one of the vivid figures of


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Festschrift for Antoine Laurent Lavoisier. L. Pearce Williams and David Corson gave a joint paper on the Lavoisier collection at Cornell.

_Inscribed by Guerlac to L. Pearce Williams_

The author inscribed this book to his student and inspired him to study and work in the field of history of science. “After a brief period of volunteering in the Navy, Williams began a career in chemical engineering in 1945. He found his lifelong passion because of a required course in History of Science, taught by the late Henry Guerlac.”

PROVENANCE: Leslie Pearce Williams (1927-2015) was a chaired professor at Cornell University’s Department of History who also chaired the department for many years. He was the founder, in the mid-1980s, of Cornell’s program in the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, which later became part of the Department of Science and Technology Studies.

Allan J. Lichtman is professor of history at American University. His areas of scholarship include the American presidency, conservative politics, quantitative methodology, and voting rights and redistricting.


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Treatises on saliva. Reprints from *Mittheilungen der Zürich. Naturf. Gesellschaft*, 1851. no. 50, 63.


In 1884 Carl Friedrich Wilhelm Ludwig obtained the Copley Medal.

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“At first a sensualist, like Condillac and John Locke, next an intellectualist, [Maine de Biran] finally became a mystical theosopist. The *Essai sur les fondements de la psychologie* represents the second stage of his philosophy, the fragments of the *Nouveaux essais d’anthropologie* the third. Maine de Biran’s early essays in philosophy were written from the point of view of Locke and Condillac, but showed signs of his later interests. Dealing with the formation of habits, he is compelled to note that passive impressions do not furnish a complete or adequate explanation.” – Wikip.
J. Robert Mayer and the law of conservation of energy. After Sadi Carnot stated the conservation of energy for caloric, “Mayer was the first person to state the law of the conservation of energy, one of the most fundamental tenets of modern day physics. The law of the conservation of energy states that the total mechanical energy of a system remains constant in any isolated system of objects that interact with each other only by way of forces that are conservative. Mayer’s first attempt at stating the conservation of energy was a paper he sent to Johann Christian Poggendorff’s *Annalen der Physik*, in which he postulated a conservation of force (*Erhaltungssatz der Kraft*). However, owing to Mayer’s lack of advanced training in physics, it contained some fundamental mistakes and was not published.”

Julius Robert von Mayer was a German physician and physicist and one of the founders of thermodynamics. “Existing biographies of Mayer tend to whiggishness; one of the better ones is S. Friedlander, Julius Robert Mayer (Leipzig, 1905).” – *D3B*, vol. IX, p. 240, by R. Steven Turner.
66. MARIGNAC, Jean-Charles Galissard de (1817-1894). *Oeuvres complètes publiées hors série sous les auspices de la Société de Physique et d'Histoire Naturelle de Genève par E. Ador* . . Geneva, etc.: Ch. Eggimann & Cie., etc., circa 1890. ¶ Two volumes. Thick 4to. [viii], lv, [1], 701; [ii], 839 pp. Frontis. port., figs., folding plates. Modern maroon cloth with gilt title stamping. Very good. SCARCE. [S7436]

FIRST COLLECTED EDITION of Jean-Charles Marignac’s 111 published papers, handsomely reprinted with a portrait and a complete list of Marignac’s atomic weights. His study of the rare earth elements led to his discovery of ytterbium in 1878 and co-discovery of gadolinium in 1880.

A Swiss chemist, Marignac completed a large amount of research in mineralogy and physical chemistry, but in the field of inorganic chemistry he accurately determined the atomic weights of nearly thirty elements and helped to unravel the tortuous chemistry of niobium and tantalum, the silicates, the tungstates, and the rare earths. Marignac received the Davy Medal of the Royal Society in 1886. Marignac began his academic career as the chair of chemistry at the Academie de Geneve, becoming an addition the chair of mineralogy in 1845; he resigned in 1878.

Marignac was considered “one of the great chemists of the nineteenth century”, particularly in the area of inorganic chemistry.

Inscribed by the Author


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Mittasch, a German chemist, received his PhD in 1901 from the University of Leipzig working under Wilhelm Ostwald.

“Mittasch was a leading authority on contact catalysis. As head of catalytic research for the Badische Anilin- und Soda-Fabrik (BASF) he guided the research that led to
inexpensive, durable compound catalysts for the Haber-Bosch synthetic ammonia process, the Ostwald process for oxidation of ammonia to nitric acid, the water gas reaction, and various hydrogenations in the gas phase.

His career and private life were singularly untroubled, touched only marginally by the military and political upheavals through which he lived. The fourth of the six children of a village schoolmaster, Mittasch grew up happily in Wendish Saxony. For lack of money the boy was sent to a teacher-training school instead of a university. At nineteen Mittasch began teaching in a rural grade school. Three years later, in 1892, he secured an appointment to a city school in Leipzig. Here he soon attended public lectures at the university, being particularly drawn to those of Ostwald on energy relations in chemical systems. He resolved to become a middle school science teacher, but as his undergraduate studies progressed, and with Ostwald’s encouragement, he determined to become a physical chemist. After seven years of university studies (in addition to full-time teaching), Mittasch advanced to doctoral candidacy. His thesis under Max Bodenstein, on the kinetics and catalytic aspects of nickel carbonyl formation and decomposition, led directly to a career in catalytic chemistry. After short interludes as Ostwald’s assistant and then as analyst in a lead and zinc fabricating company, he was hired by the BASF in 1904. Here Mittasch assisted Carl Bosch in seeking an industrial process for fixing nitrogen via cyanides or nitrides. This work was abandoned in 1909 in favor of the commercially more promising Haber ammonia synthesis directly from nitrogen and hydrogen.

However, the experience that he had just gained helped Mittasch in seeking a cheaper catalyst than Haber’s osmium. Assuming that in the Haber process the metal catalyst briefly forms a nitride intermediate and remembering that nitride formation occurs best in the presence of certain stable oxides, Mittasch directed an exhaustive search that led not only to an optimal, cheap catalyst of iron, aluminum, and potassium oxides, but also to much knowledge about catalyst poisons and activators. His discovery of the utility of compounded catalysts formed the basis of a massive research program he directed at the BASF for the next two decades. Besides the catalysts for important industrial processes his research yielded much data on high pressure and temperature reactions in the gaseous phase. He became particularly impressed by the manner in which the selection of a specific catalytic mixture can favor the yield of a desired compound while inhibiting the formation of other possible products. After his retirement in 1934, he made this last observation the basis of an elaborate philosophy of causality, about which he wrote two books and several articles. Much better received by critics than these often abstruse writings were his scholarly and extensive publications on the history of catalysis.” – DSB.

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First edition in English. Jules-Ernest Naville, was a Swiss philosopher and lived in the region of Geneva. He published the works of the French philosopher Biran Maine. He is the author of a series of works on Protestant morality, including *The Problem of Evil* (1869). Naville was very popular in Geneva at the end of the 19th century, and is recognized as one of the first thinkers of proportional representation.
Franz Neumann, mathematician, and his work as a researcher and teacher, considered one of the founders of theoretical physics. The author, Friedrich Heinrich Albert Wangerin, was a noted mathematician, who had worked under the supervision of Franz Ernst Neumann. “Wangerin was elected to the German Academy of Scientists Leopoldina in 1883. From 1906 to 1921, he served as President of the Academy. In 1907, he was awarded an honorary degree from Uppsala University. He received many medals, including the 1922 Cothenius medal from the German Academy of Scientists Leopoldina.”

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“It’s not a scientific truth that has come into question lately but the truth—the very notion of scientific truth. Bringing a reasonable voice to the culture wars that have sprung up around this notion, this book offers a clear and constructive response to those who contend, in parodies, polemics and op-ed pieces, that there really is no such thing as verifiable objective truth—without which there could be no such thing as scientific authority.”

“A distinguished physicist with a rare gift for making the most complicated scientific ideas comprehensible, Roger Newton gives us a guided tour of the intellectual structure of physical science. From there he conducts us through the understanding of reality engendered by modern physics, the most theoretically advanced of the sciences. With its firsthand look at models, facts, and theories, intuition and imagination, the use of analogies and metaphors, the importance of mathematics (and now, computers), and the “virtual” reality of the physics of micro-particles, The Truth of Science truly is a practicing scientist’s account of the foundations, processes, and value of science.”
“To claims that science is a social construction, Newton answers with the working scientist’s credo: “A body of assertions is true if it forms a coherent whole and works both in the external world and in our minds.” The truth of science, for Newton, is nothing more or less than a relentless questioning of authority combined with a relentless striving for objectivity in the full awareness that the process never ends. With its lucid exposition of the ideals, methods, and goals of science, his book performs a great feat in service of this truth.” – Harvard University Press.

Roger Newton, German-born, worked for the Institute for Advanced Study until joining the Indiana University Bloomington faculty in 1955. He became a full professor in 1960, and was named a distinguished professor in 1978.

Efthymios Nicolaidis is director of the Programme for the History, Philosophy, and Didactics of Science and Technology at the National Hellenic Research Foundation. In this paper Nicolaidis puts forth a very particular perspective: Greeks in Russia and Russians in China in the 17th century, in the context of Chrysanthos’ copying of Father Ferdinand Verbiest’s (1623-1688) ‘lost’ astronomical books.

Includes memorials for Stillman Drake (1910-1993), Gweneth Whitteridge (1910-1993), and Jose Antonio Garcia-Diego (1920-1994). 2 others papers are featured, by Ferdinando Abbri and Elena Ausejo.


Published on the occasion of Nobili’s bicentenary celebration. Nobili was an Italian physicist who invented a number of scientific instruments critical to investigating thermodynamics and electrochemistry.

Monistic Sunday Sermons. Fourth series. “In 1911, Ostwald became President of the Deutscher Monistenbund (Monist Association), founded by Ernst Haeckel. Ostwald (and other Monists) promoted eugenics and euthanasia, but only as voluntary choices with the intention of preventing suffering. Monist promotion of such ideas is suggested to have indirectly facilitated acceptance of the later Social Darwinism of the National Socialists. Ostwald died before the Nazis adopted and enforced the use of eugenics and euthanasia as involuntary government policies, to support their racist ideological positions.”

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Second edition. On the history of science: four manuscripts from the estate. With an introduction and comments by Regine Zott (1938-).

Oxide Versus Phlogiston: considerations of the eighteenth-century chemical revolution.

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Later issues, uniform 1912, in later bindings. In philosophy, two problems troubled him: the problem of infinity and the problem of free will. When he succeeded in uniting them, his system of “neo-criticism” was founded. This system was set out in the four Essais de critique générale: Traité de logique (1854), Psychologie rationnelle (1859), Principes de la nature (1864), Introduction à la philosophie analytique de l’histoire (1864). He attacked the thing-in-itself and ruined the old realism of substance. But this phenomenism is radically different from Hume’s empiricism, and joins Kant’s criticism. It completes the picture of categories, and resolves Kantian antinomies in favor of theses, all in the “interest” of freedom. The primary truths on which knowledge is based are objects of belief, not science; and belief is free. Renouvier boldly applies the freedom thesis to historical and social facts.

Renouvier was a respected philosopher even though he never held a university post. His theology is very similar to William James. “Like Kent, he argues that some phenomena of human experience themselves cannot be reduced to the categories of nature because humans experience themselves as free personal and moral agents as well. Following Kant and Lequier, Renouvier’s moral philosophy emphasizes human freedom as a necessary condition of moral responsibility.” – p.143. John W. Cooper, Panentheism--The Other God of the Philosophers: From Plato to the Present, 2006.

The author also wrote for this series, Introduction à la philosophie analytique de l’histoire, not included here.


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His numerous teaching experiments delved into many areas: electricity, chemistry, phosphorus, the recipe for toothpaste, medical uses, heat, distillation, precipitation, acoustics, air pressure, electricity, pumps, the inclined plane, the crane, centrifugal force, gravity, etc.
The plate XIII, for example, Tome 2: “in which a bird is placed under a bell jar and the air is evacuated with an air pump. This demonstrates the importance of air for breathing. The text describes how the bird first finds it difficult to breathe, then convulses, and finally perishes.” [History of Science Museum, Oxford].

Sigaud de la Fond, an obstetrician, studied under and succeeded the Abbe Nollet at the College Louis-le-Granc, taught courses of anatomy, physiology, and experimental physics. In 1795, he became a professor of physics and chemistry at the Ecole Centrale.

□ DSB, XII, p. 428.

First collected edition. “The author had planned to reprint his *Leçons de physique* (1767) with some additions but found so many changes were necessary that a new work was needed. The present work, designed to accompany his *Description et usage d'un cabinet de physique expérimentale* (1775), follows the arrangement of that work. Extensive notes, both mathematical and for applications to chemistry and natural history are found at the end of each volume. / Some of the topics of chemical interest are: vol. I principles of compound bodies and chemical affinities; III fixed air, the effects of air on the animal economy and, in the Supplement, a description and usage of new apparatus for experiments with gases; IV phlogiston and fire.” – Cole 1212.

“Although primarily on physics, this work contains much of purely chemical interest and importance: e.g., differences between physical mixtures and chemical compounds, affinity, Paracelsian *tria prima*, Becher’s *terra pinguis*, Stahl’s theory of phlogiston, atoms and molecules, crystallization, double decomposition of salts, sympathetic inks, chemical indicators, precipitation, sublimation, preparation of
various gases and their collection over water or mercury, theories of calcination, acids and bases, and the nature of fire. There are many references to the researches of Boyle, Guericke, Hales, Boerhaave, Newton, Macquer, Priestley, Lavoisier, Guyton de Morveau, and others.” – Neville.

Provenance: copy of Martin C. Gutzwiller (unmarked) (1925-2014), was a Swiss-American physicist, known for his work on field theory, quantum chaos, and complex systems. He spent most of his career at the Watson Research Center for IBM Research. He was also an adjunct professor of physics at Yale University (1993-2014). Other institutional affiliations included Shell Oil Company.

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Page Smith was an American historian, professor and author. In 1964 he became the founding Provost of Cowell College, University of California, Santa Cruz and resigned from the university in 1973 in protest.


Albert Marius Soboul was a historian of the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic periods. A professor at the Sorbonne, he was chair of the History of the French Revolution and author of numerous influential works of history and historical interpretation. In his lifetime, he was internationally recognized as the foremost French authority on the Revolutionary era.

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Voss studied mathematics and physics from 1864 to 1868, in Hanover, Gottingen and Heidelberg, under (among others) Hermann von Helmholtz and Gustav Kirchhoff. He received his doctorate in Gottingen (with Alfred Clebsch) in 1869.

Zeuthen was a Danish mathematician, known for his work in the enumerative geometry of conic sections, algebraic surfaces, and history of mathematics. This is his paper on "The mathematics in antiquity and the middle ages." See: Cajori, F. (1913). “Review: Die Mathematik im Altertum und im Mittelalter, by H. G. Zeuthen”. Astrophysical Journal 38: 207.
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