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PREFATORY NOTE

"A List of the Published Writings of William James" was prepared by Henry James, Jr. and Edwin B. Holt, and published in the *Journal of Philosophy, Psychology, and Scientific Methods*, 1911, 18, 157-165. That list furnished the nucleus of the present completer bibliography. It is probable that there are still omissions, and I shall be grateful for additions as well as for corrections. Translations are appearing from time to time in a variety of languages. It is obvious that there is no way of obtaining a complete or final list of these, but I have thought it best to refer to those of which I have a record.

Titles will be referred to in the notes by their date and serial number; thus "1897-3" refers to the third title under the date 1897.

Reviews cited without comment are as a rule merely summaries of the texts reviewed.

I hope that the notes which I have appended to most of the titles, together with the alphabetical index, will help the reader to find his way among the writings of William James. In view of the fact that much of James's most important thought appeared in the form of essays and reviews, often under a title which gave no clue to the contents, some such guide as this is indispensable to an adequate knowledge of his contributions to philosophy and psychology.

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1. Review (unsigned) of A German-American Novel (Grimm). **Nation*, 1867, 5, 432-433.

Review of Herman Grimm's *Unüberwindliche Mächte*.

1868

1. Review (unsigned) on Moral Medication. *Nation*, 1868, 7, 50-52.

Review of A. A. Liébault's *Du Sommeil et des États analogues, considérés surtout au point de vue de l'action du Moral sur le Physique*. Manifests interest in scientific method in abnormal psychology.

2. Review (unsigned) of Ch. Darwin's *The Variation of Animals and Plants under Domestication*. *Atlantic Monthly*, 1868, 22, 122-124.

Shows rigorous scientific temper; suspects Darwin of placing too much reliance on "ingenious reasoning."

3. Review (unsigned) of Claude Bernard's *Rapport sur le Progrès et la Marche de la Physiologie générale en France*. *North Amer. Rev.*, 1868, 107, 322-328.

Discussion of the extravagant claims of physiology, then just beginning its career as an independent science; and of the difficulties of the medical student who is called upon to master a considerable amount of science of which the applications are not developed.

* The weekly of that name published in New York.

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4. Review (unsigned) of Ch. Darwin's *The Variation of Animals and Plants under Domestication*. *North Amer. Rev.*, 1868, 107, 362-368.

Calls attention to the complicatedness of the phenomena which Darwin has brought together, and the absence of any law of their origin, unless it be the law of caprice.

1869

1. Review (unsigned) of E. Sargent's *Planchette: or the Despair of Science*. *Boston Daily Advertiser*, March 10, 1869.

Urges the vigorous scientific study of a few test cases of alleged spiritistic phenomena.
Partly reprinted in 1920-2.

1872

1. Review (unsigned) of H. Taine's *On Intelligence*. *Nation*, 1872, 15, 139-141.

Mainly expository; shows James's early philosophical interests.

2. Review (unsigned) of John Morley's *Voltaire*. *Atlantic Monthly*, 1872, 30, 624-625.

Estimates of Morley, Mill, Tyndall, Spencer, and Huxley.
Quoted in 1920-1.

1873

1. Review (unsigned) of I. Ray's *Contributions to Mental Pathology*. *Atlantic Monthly*, 1873, 31, 748-750.

2. Vacations (unsigned). *Nation*, 1873, 17, 90-91.

Comments on American over-strenuousness, and the need for leisure and recreation.

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1874

1. Review (unsigned) of Recent Work on Mental Hygiene (D. A. Gorton, H. Maudsley, W. B. Carpenter). *Nation*, 1874, 19, 43.
2. Notice (unsigned) of J. B. Pettigrew's *Physiology of the Circulation in Plants, in the Lower Animals, and in Man*. *Nation*, 1874, 19, 63.
3. Notice (unsigned) of J. Hinton's *Physiology for Practical Use*. *Nation*, 1874, 19, 190.
4. Review (unsigned) of the *Fifth Annual Report of the State Board of Health of Massachusetts*. *Atlantic Monthly*, 1874, 34, 234.

Contains statement of author's learning-to-skate-in-summer theory, apropos of half-time schooling.

5. Review (unsigned) of H. Maudsley's *Responsibility in Mental Disease*. *Atlantic Monthly*, 1874, 34, 364-365.

Notable advance in style; anti-positivistic. Opposes undue leniency in dealing with insane; their punishment a matter of public policy.

6. Review (unsigned) of W. B. Carpenter's *Principles of Mental Physiology*. *Atlantic Monthly*, 1874, 34, 495.

7. Professor Jeffries Wyman (unsigned). *Harvard Advocate*, 1874, 18, 8-9.

Characteristic tribute to one who greatly influenced him in early years.

8. Review (unsigned) of B. P. Blood's *Anæsthetic Revelations*. *Atlantic Monthly*, 1874, 34, 627-629.

Indicative of his liberal personal sympathies, and of his early interest in mystical experience. Referred to in 1879-7, 345. Cf. also 1879-3 (Preface) and 1910-5.

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- check* 9. The Mood of Science and the Mood of Faith. Letter to the Editor, signed "Ignoramus." *Nation*, 1874, 19, 437.

Criticises the speculative scientist for invoking the authority of science when dealing with ultimate problems.

1875

1. Review (unsigned) of W. S. Jevons's *The Principles of Science*. *Atlantic Monthly*, 1875, 35, 500-501.

Shows early leanings towards J. S. Mill and the empirical school.

2. Review (unsigned) of G. H. Lewes's *Problems of Life and Mind*. *Atlantic Monthly*, 1875, 36, 361-363.

Earliest statement of the central features of his philosophy. Scepticism the only theoretically unassailable position; but truth is to be gained rather by taking a risk, staking one's person on a belief. Reprinted in 1920-2.

- check* 3. Vivisection (unsigned). *Nation*, 1875, 20, 128-129.

Plea for vivisection, while admitting its abuses.

4. Review (unsigned) of *The Unseen Universe*. *Nation*, 1875, 20, 366-367.

Contains reference to the "subjective method." Notable in style.

- check* 5. Note (unsigned) on Professors Wundt and Hitzig. *Nation*, 1875, 20, 377-378.

Appointment of W. Wundt and E. Hitzig at Zürich hailed as marking a new era.

6. Notice (unsigned) of F. Papillon's *Nature and Life*. *Nation*, 1875, 20, 429.

Contains a characterization of French philosophical style.