

THE PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEW

AT THE TIME when THE PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEW was inaugurated, there was neither an organization nor an organ of American philosophy. In his Prefatory Note to the first volume, its founder and first editor, Jacob Gould Schurman, dedicated the new journal to "the organization, the diffusion, and the increase of philosophical knowledge and activity in America". He further expressed the hope and the expectation that "the philosophical genius of the nation" would "find in the new periodical a medium of free expression, an aid to full and harmonious development, and an instrument for ministering to its needs". And he promised that, despite its support by private endowments, the journal would "combine an impartiality and catholicity of tone and spirit", would "not be the organ of any institution, or of any sect, or of any interest", but would "be and remain, according to the terms of the subsidy, an absolutely free organ, national and international, of general Philosophy".

With the present number the REVIEW enters upon its fiftieth year. In noting the occasion, the present editors record their appreciation of the fact that the hopes for the journal entertained by its founder have been realized in such a generous measure. They also wish to re-dedicate it to the purpose and policy which he formulated and which their distinguished predecessors devotedly followed through so many years. And they express the hope that it may long continue to serve the cause of American philosophy and of freedom as fruitfully as it has served that cause during the first forty-nine years of its history.