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It having reached the publishers that a statement made by Mr. Haydn in the preface to the first edition of his "Dictionary of Dates," to the effect that "the volume contained 15,000 articles" had been challenged by certain interested parties, the publishers placed a copy of the TWELFTH edition of the work in the hands of one of the most eminent firms of Accountants in London, in order that all controversy upon this point might be ended by so eminent an authority. To the certificate of Messrs. QUILTER, BALL, & Co. (a copy of which is subjoined), it is only necessary to add that the present more convenient method of massing a large number of cognate facts under one grand heading was not adopted so extensively by the compiler of this work, as by the present editor, and that the THIRTEENTH edition very greatly exceeds its predecessor in the number of articles and facts it contains.

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"3, MOORGATE STREET, E.C.
LONDON, 11th June, 1868.

GENTLEMEN,—The following is the result of the examination we have made at your request of the 12th Edition of Haydn's 'Dictionary of Dates,' published in 1866, with the view of ascertaining by actual enumeration the extent of its contents.

1. Number of alphabetical articles distinguished by Capital Titles or headings	5,734
2. Number of paragraphs or sentences included under such alphabetical articles, each of which contains one or more facts or dates	34,038
3. Number of foot notes, each containing one or more facts or dates	525
Total number of facts or dates	34,563

We remain, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

QUILTER, BALL & CO."

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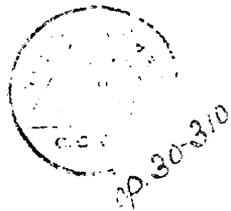
THIRTEENTH EDITION,

WITH A SUPPLEMENT BRINGING THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD
DOWN TO THE END OF 1870.

By BENJAMIN VINCENT,

ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND KEEPER OF THE LIBRARY OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF
GREAT BRITAIN.

"Indocti discant et ament meminisse periti."



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1871.

PREFACE TO THE THIRTEENTH EDITION.

MR. JOSEPH HAYDN published the first edition of this work in 1841, when it was well received, as supplying a public want. In 1855 I was requested by Mr. Edward Moxon to superintend the printing of the seventh edition, which led eventually to my undertaking its thorough renovation. This has been effected by long continued labour in revision and in selection from an abundance of valuable materials; and now very little, if any, of the original work remains, although the present edition contains fully one-third more matter than the sixth, published in 1853, at the same price. The new features include Chronological Tables at the beginning of the volume, a Dated Index, and innumerable literary and scientific, topographical and geographical facts inserted in the body of the work. To make room for these additions the size of the page has been enlarged, many articles have been condensed or printed in smaller type, and much useless matter has been expunged.

Encouraged by success, I hope still to maintain the reputation which this work has attained, by sedulously endeavouring to make it, not a mere Dictionary of Dates, but a dated Cyclopædia, a digested summary of every department of human history, brought down to the eve of publication. I have endeavoured to act under the influence of the old maxims: "*Homo sum; humani nihil a me alienum puto,*" and "*Nulla dies sine linea;*" and I gratefully acknowledge the kindness of those friends who have pointed out some of the errors, which are almost unavoidable in a work of such scope and magnitude.

The Supplement at the end comprises the general history of the world from June 1868 to Dec. 30, 1870.

BENJAMIN VINCENT.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, *Jan.*, 1871.