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THE EARLY PRESIDENTS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.*

III.

Gould.

Gould † was born in Boston in 1824, and was graduated with honors at Harvard twenty years later. He then went abroad and for four years studied under the most distinguished astronomers of Europe, but chiefly under the great Gauss, in Göttingen, where he received his doctor's degree.

In 1848 he returned to Boston, and there—a little more than half a century ago—began the publication of the Astronomical Journal, the first and still the only distinct periodical of that science devoted to original investigation in this country.

Then came his valuable connection with the Coast Survey, during which he had charge of the longitude determinations, and subsequent to the laying of the Atlantic cable in 1866, he connected the two continents by precise observations. These first determinations of transatlantic longitude by telegraph were the means of establishing a connected series of longitude measurements from the Ural Mountains to New

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