

"TOSCANELLI AND COLUMBUS"

Henry Vignaud Argues Against Authenticity of Work.

Paris, January 11.—Henry Vignaud, first secretary of the United States Embassy here and vice president of the Americanists' Society of Paris, has just published his letters written to Sir Clements Markham, president of the Royal Geographical Society, and Charles Raymond Beazley in reply to their criticism of his book, "Toscanelli and Columbus."

These latest contributions to the interesting controversy were raised by Mr. Vignaud's assertion that the famous documents ascribed to Toscanelli, the learned Florentine astronomer, were fabricated. They clearly set forth arguments against the authenticity of Toscanelli's alleged letter, and favor the story of the pilot, who is said to have given Columbus the hint which led to the discovery of the Western Hemisphere.