

SATURN.—Saturn will commence the year with retrograde motion, and so continue till March 17th, after which he will be direct till November 18th, and retrograde to the end of the year. He will be in opposition to the Sun January 9th, in conjunction July 18th. He will be occulted by the Moon twice, viz: November 7th, at 8h. 5m. p. m., but below the horizon, and December 5th, at 1h. 10m. a. m., only seen in northern latitudes as a near approach, the planet being about a Moon's diameter to the north of the Moon. The Earth's Orbit is now to the south of the plane of Saturn's Ring, the south side of which is now visible. It will be at its greatest expansion at the beginning of the year, being then in excess of the diameter of the planet.

Maximum expansion of Saturn's Ring February and March, 1887.



SOUTH.

Telescopic appearance of Saturn and his Ring at the beginning of the year. (Direct vision).

URANUS.—At the beginning of the year his motion will be direct till January 17th, retrograde till June 14th, afterward direct till the end of the year. He will be in conjunction with the Sun October 5th.

NEPTUNE.—Neptune will be retrograde till March 14th, direct till September 2nd, and again retrograde till the end of the year. He will be in conjunction with the Sun May 18th, in opposition November 20th.

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