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PREFACE.

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THE conclusions put forward in the following pages do not pretend to explain the length and breadth of character; they make no claim to be a system; they simply aim at establishing a few truths and at stating them in untechnical language. But it is believed that these truths are important and that they affect a large range of character in every human being.

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Character is not a chance collection of miscellaneous fragments : its items tend to group themselves in more or less uniform clusters. In the more impassioned character, for example, there is one cluster, in the less impassioned another ; though the contrast between the two is not necessarily a startling one. An endeavour is here made to show how true this principle of grouping is and, more than this, to show that certain special groups of character-notes are associated with certain special groups of bodily signs.

Much in the following chapters has been rewritten and much has been added, but the views and principles they contain remain unchanged.

Some matters have been omitted from the closing chapter in the hope that they may appear more appropriately at another time in conjunction with other inquiries which bear on the relationship of human organisation to human problems.

A few of the ideas, and probably of the expressions, in this little work have appeared in other pages with or without the author's name.

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