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PREFACE

A STRONG wish has been expressed by some old friends that the memoir of my husband written by his friend and pupil, Mr. R. L. Nettleship, should be published in a form separate from the *Works*. I am very glad that, with the kind co-operation of Messrs. Longmans, I am able to fulfil this wish.

I am specially anxious that this memoir should be more widely read, not only on account of its intrinsic worth or of its personal interest, but also because Mr. Nettleship devoted several of the best years of his short life to the work of editing my husband's writings, especially in philosophy, and I hope that this little book may be a memorial to the unselfish and devoted work of the writer as well as to the subject of the memoir.

In the preparation of this volume I have been advised and helped by Mr. A. C. Bradley. Beyond the arrangement of the text in chapters, the division

of some paragraphs, and two or three minute changes of phraseology, no alteration has been made in the memoir.

The volumes of my husband's writings referred to in it are: *The Works of T. H. Green*, in three volumes, and *The Prolegomena to Ethics*. The two addresses on *The Witness of God and Faith* and the *Lectures on Political Obligation*, which are contained in the *Works*, are also published separately.

I conclude by quoting the last paragraph of Mr. Nettleship's original preface (dated 1888), with the omission of one sentence containing a kind reference to myself:

'The memoir is, from the nature of the case, little more than a record of T. H. Green's opinions; and I have given it, as far as possible, in his own words. The materials were derived from his published writings, his letters, and the recollections of those who knew him. His only continuous correspondence was with his family, between 1850 and 1870, and this his sisters have most kindly placed at my disposal. Neither these nor the other letters to which I had access were of a kind to be printed entire, but they have supplied a great deal of valuable information. For reminiscences and other assistance, I have to thank the following gentlemen: Professor J. Bryce, Mr. R.

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CHARLOTTE B. GREEN.

OXFORD, 1906.

