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## TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE

THIS translation of Professor Goldschmidt's work on the Physiology and Mechanism of Sex Determination is offered as an attempt to present to English-speaking students a summary of the more recent investigations on a problem of the greatest interest to biologists, medical men, breeders, and indeed the general public. The manuscript was submitted to Professor Goldschmidt, who made additions and changes bringing the subject-matter up to more recent date than the German edition.

Scientific investigation in the field of sex determination and heredity is now being pursued with great vigour in many countries, and there is every prospect of great success in the future in the elucidation and probably the actual control of sex.

The German edition of the work was dedicated by Goldschmidt to Professor Richard Hertwig. If it were possible for me to dedicate the English translation it would be to the memory of the late Professor Leonard Doncaster, whose classic work is so often referred to within its pages, and whose untimely death robbed us of one whose name will always be associated with the problem of the inheritance and determination of sex.

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