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PREFACE

THIS treatise is designed as a text-book for undergraduates. It comprises the body of approved logical doctrine, so that in a limited time a student may acquire a rounded knowledge of the fundamental forms of thought, be profited by the excellent discipline of the study, and prepared for the pursuit of philosophical sciences.

Those who wish to go beyond the elements of logic will find much additional matter in my larger work, entitled "The Theory of Thought," designed especially for universities. In my "Elements of Psychology" are explained the relation of the idea as a mental image to the notion as a product of thought, and the various mental processes involved in thinking. In both works many references will be found to authorities and to the literature of the subject.

In the preparation of the present text, I have tried to be clear, simple, and true, and to mitigate the natural severity of the subject by copious illustration. The care I have taken, and my experience

of more than twenty years in teaching logic, lead me to hope that my fellow-teachers and their pupils will find the treatise well adapted to their wants, and that it will therefore tend to promote the study of this admirable and invaluable science.

A special feature is a praxis appended to each chapter. Many standard exercises have been retained, and many new ones introduced. They have been carefully arranged in progressive order, in correspondence with the increasing complexity of the subject. I would suggest that the working of the praxes alone, without any recitation of the text, will insure a more satisfactory knowledge of elementary logic than the closest reproduction of the text, the praxes being omitted.

In the chapter on Fallacies, I have adhered to the original Aristotelic distribution, believing that it should be well known to every student of logic, and that none better has been proposed.

No treatment of induction is included in this book. But, deeply impressed with the importance of that branch of logic, especially in its relation to the physical sciences, I have prepared a companion volume, entitled *Elements of Inductive Logic*, which completes the system.

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