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PREFACE

THE aim of this book is to present a general view of mental process and mental development which shall be comprehensive and yet not vague and sketchy. I have attempted to omit all matter which can be omitted without interfering with my main purpose. Thus I have passed by all questions of detail connected with the Psychology of the Special Senses. My endeavour has been to present only what is essential to insight into the constitution of our mental life as a whole.

The work is a new one. It is not an abridgment of my *Manual of Psychology*. Even where the matter presented is substantially the same, the mode of presentation is different. The two books have no more in common than is inevitable in works on the same subject by the same person. In some respects the *Groundwork* is in my own opinion an improvement on the *Manual*, because, since the *Manual* was written, my own views on certain questions have become more clear and precise. One distinctive feature of the present work is the free use which it makes of material derived from observation of young children.

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