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PREFACE

THIS little volume has arisen from a need felt in connection with undergraduate instruction on Kant. Too often Kant has been taught as merely a part in a scheme of philosophy, or as having significance only as a stage in that development of thought which the History of Philosophy presents. The consequence of this treatment has been the warping of his views to suit the general scheme. In opposition to this, we have attempted in this statement of the Critique of Pure Reason to bring out the many-sidedness of his system in itself, and for itself, and to show its significance as more than merely a propædeutic for further reflections.

We have been painfully conscious of the divergent and even sometimes conflicting tendencies of Kant's thought, and in the opportunities which it thus offers for different interpretations. We have not ignored these conflicting tendencies in his thought for the sake of a unified interpretation, but since we wanted to present what Kant said, rather than what we think Kant ought to have said in order to be consistent, we have thought it better to present them as we found them.

In the observations that we have made from time to time, we have taken those aspects of the diverging tendencies which seemed to us to have been involved in his fundamental position, and upon which he seemed to insist with emphasis.

The selections from Kant and the observations that have been made, we believe, give a true statement of Kant. We make no pretense of giving a complete interpretation of him. We have tried merely to give a statement of him which would bring out the continuity of the thought, which would emphasize the problems he considered and how they arise,—in short, a statement which ought in some degree to meet the needs of the ordinary student.

In the treatment itself, Kant's own language is very largely taken. The translation used principally is that by Max Mueller, though at times we have made use of the Meiklejohn translation, or have made our own translation.

Glossaries of technical terms as used by Kant are frequently unsatisfactory, and so in the index we mention the principal terms and refer to Kant's own definition of them in the text.

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