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PREFATORY NOTE

THE present volume of studies in the history of philosophy expresses the desire of those who are or have been identified with work in philosophy at Columbia to encourage research and the exercise of historical imagination, and to contribute something to the work being done in this department of human interest. The title of the volume represents, however, a larger field of inquiry than the matter here included would indicate, a field in which others than philosophers are engaged and in which it appears that ideas have a history and that their history is influenced by contact with lines of experience not commonly called philosophical. The contributors have a sense of their obligation to co-workers in other branches, and wish to encourage and invite their collaboration.

The volume, it is hoped, will be accepted as expressing the wish to cooperate with similar enterprises elsewhere in the endeavor to increase America's contribution to the history of culture.

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