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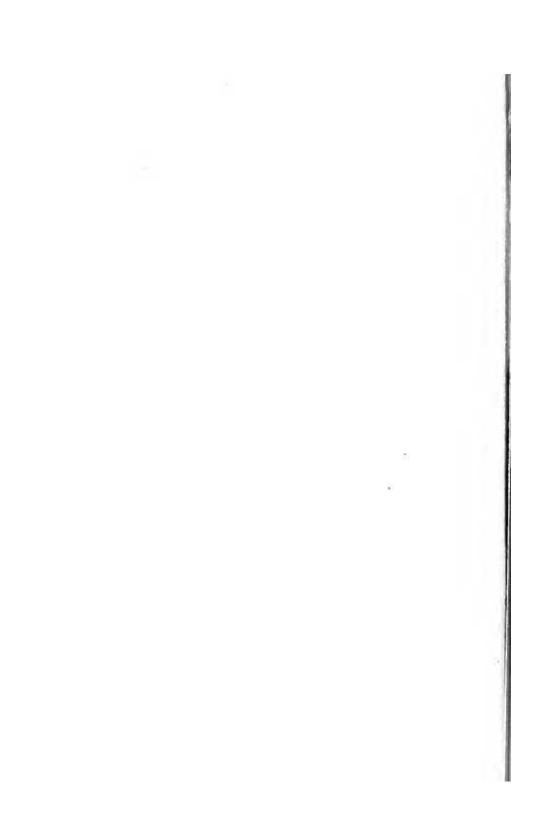
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PREFACE

T would seem that an apology is due from me to Professor W. M. Urban for not having discussed his significant contribution to value-philosophy, entitled, Valuation, Its Nature and Laws. My omission is not due to any failure to recognize that Professor Urban is, in this country, the most eminent representative of a large school of value-philosophers, among whom are A. Meinong, C. V. Ehrenfels, and G. Simmel. My reason for not discussing their views in the present work is similar to that which prompted me to pass by Münsterberg's The Eternal Values. Here are two schools of value-philosophy with presuppositions radically different from my own. That school which Professor Urban so well represents finds the locus of value in the "worth-fundamental," discovered by an analysis of mental life. Münsterberg finds value in the region of the human will, and he believes that value implies an overpersonal, metaphysically absolute will. find value primarily to be a quality which colors certain mental states - Münsterberg believes that it points toward an objective "Overself."

parture, I have treated value as relational, occurring in definite situations. I have used the psychological basis of values not as the sum and substance of valuation, but as a description of one term of value-relations, the other term, that of the environment, calling for equal attention. Thus I have been able to avoid the acrostic philosophy of the value-psychologists, which tends in the direction of epistemological realism, and the lack of concreteness incidental to it. I may note, however, that Professor Urban considers briefly, in the last chapter of his book, some of the problems which I discuss in detail.

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