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## PREFACE.

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THE following outline of a special phase of development in the history of education is not only incomplete, but also, in a measure, fragmentary. Inadequate as it is, however, the author issues it in the belief that it enters a territory in educational literature not yet fully explored. It seems to him that this territory must be thoroughly known before the present questions in education can be wholly understood, and he hopes that his sketch may lead to an abler study and treatment of this field of human growth.

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