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Dear Sir;— Having sent you, some time ago, a copy of a new book entitled "THE INTELLECT," I now take pleasure in sending you, with my compliments, a copy of "FEELING AND WILL," completing the work. Both parts will hereafter be bound in one volume, under the title of "HUMAN PSY-CHOLOGY," the retail price of which will be \$1.75, wholesale price, \$1.25. Hoping the book may meet with your approval, I remain—

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PREFACE.

My purpose in preparing this book has been to furnish something which might be adapted to the use of college classes, and at the same time useful to thoughtful readers in general, who may desire to review the elements of Psychology and Metaphysics, or bring down their acquaintance with these subjects to a more recent period. I was led to see the need of such a work by actual experience in teaching. The existing text-books were unsatisfactory to me for various reasons.

Some are too large for use as text-books, others so small as to give no adequate idea of the extent of the subject. Some are too abstruse and difficult in style and matter, others display no familiarity with the recent, especially the German, literature of the subject. Some are too one-sided, either as giving only the peculiar views of the writers, or as neglecting important parts of the subject. Some are ill-proportioned, some are ill-arranged, some are unsound in doctrine.

In the preparation of the present work, a serious attempt has been made to keep in mind and avoid these defects. I have had the advantage of testing large parts of it by actual experiment with young students of the subject, whose suggestions, generally unconscious, have been valuable to me at many points.

The first part, "The Intellect," has been already before the public nearly a year, and the very favorable opinions which have reached me, from the best sources, encourage me to hope that I have not wholly failed in my purpose, and that the completed work may also receive the approbation of those best qualified to judge. Attention is requested to the following features of the book:—

1. It is small, as all text-books should be; but this brevity is attained, not by leaving out important parts of the subject, or by omitting adequate reference to its literature, but by condensation of style and carefully studied arrangement and proportion of treatment. Yet clearness has been aimed at, equally with condensation; obscurity, prolixity, and abstrusity are alike

out of place in an elementary treatise. Moreover, in treating those parts of the subject which require illustration by examples, but a few of these have been given in each case, selected from the best. A vast mass of such material has been accumulated in the easily accessible and popular works of Carpenter, Maudsley, Ribot, Sully, Taine, etc., not to speak of more special treatises. A text-book should not be burdened with many of these. The teacher can read to the class his own selection of them, and will find new material constantly in current literature.

Thus the book is small enough to be read through by a college class in one term, and yet, I believe, large enough to contain a fair introduction to the study of philosophy, and give the attentive student some idea of the literature of the subject.

- 2. The arrangement is progressive, beginning with the Senses, advancing to Perception and Consciousness, and thus gradually approaching the metaphysical questions involved in Psychology. The Nature of the Soul and the Mind of the Lower Animals are postponed until the phenomena of Intellect have been studied. How much metaphysics ought to be introduced into an elementary treatise, is one of the most puzzling questions that an author has to deal with. In my view, it is chiefly as an introduction to Philosophy that Human Psychology is an important study. It is the best stepping-stone to Philosophy because it is not merely the science of nerve currents and of the association of ideas, but the science of Mind and its necessary relations. My plan, therefore, has been to join the two in a progressive arrangement, with a little Logic added.
 - 3. Quotations are freely made from the highest authorities of different schools, but none are treated as infallible. The "Dictate" from the lectures of Lotze, published after his death and containing his maturest opinions, have been found very valuable. Drbal's "empirische Psychologie" has been of great service, though not often quoted. The works of Hamilton, Porter, Spencer, and Bain have, of course, been constantly in my hand.
 - 4. The Historical Sketch, though very brief, is intended to show the

great fact, that Philosophy is continuous and progressive, and familiarize the student with a few of the greatest names in its literature. A full account of the opinions of great Philosophers would be often too abstruse and always too prolix for such a work, but much is gained if interest in them can be excited, and the way pointed out for further study of them.

5. Far more space than is usual has been given, in proportion, to Feeling and its derivatives, and the Will has been discussed somewhat in detail. In both these departments it is hoped that greater clearness and better arrangement have been attained than in previous text-books.

Due credit has been given for whatever has been borrowed, I believe, except in the case of the Idea of the Comic, which was suggested to me by a friend whose name I am not at liberty to mention. The Theory of Beauty is, so far as I am aware, entirely original; but I well know that unconscious plagiarism is easy and common.

If this book shall be of service in making the study of Philosophy easier and more attractive, I shall feel amply repaid for all my labor.

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