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PREFACE.

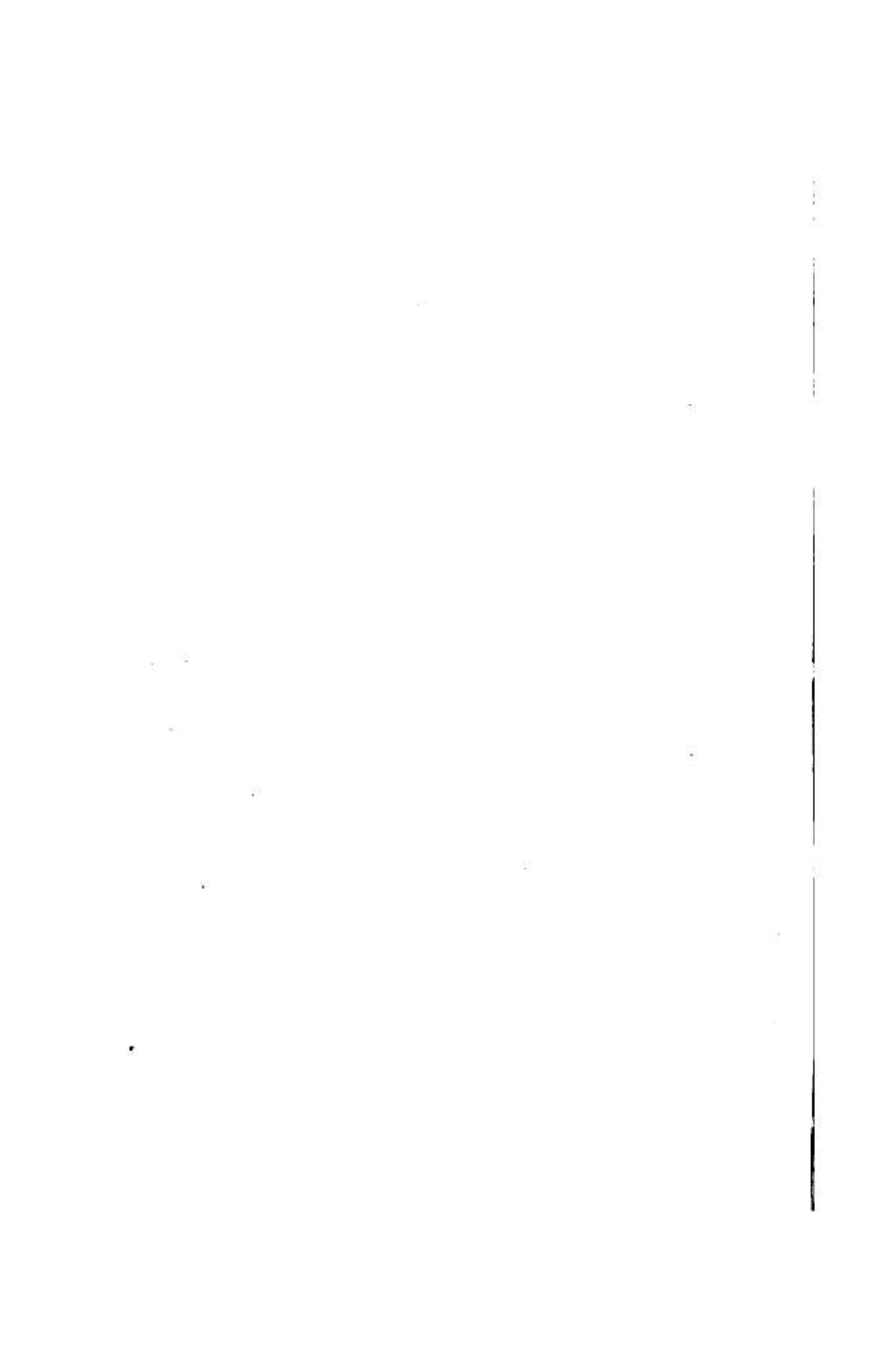
Whether any excuse should be offered for going into a period that has so often been the object of inquiry on the part of more experienced students, is left for the reader of the following studies to decide, but a word as to the genesis of the paper cannot be out of place. It began in an inquiry into the signification of the term *imagination* in earlier English writers. This was found to be a trustworthy index of the several philosophers' positions in psychology. Interesting light was thrown upon the beginnings of idealism. With the English germs of idealism so completely laid bare, it has been thought worth while to retrace the study with especial reference to that movement. In tracing this gradual development of and continued emphasis upon the synthetic function of mind, it has been thought relevant to the study to keep watch upon the formal explanation of union as well as the explanation that must underlie the description given by each author. Hence the importance of and attention given to the principle of association in these studies. That these studies have been made from the stand-point of physiological psychology, is too apparent to call for the statement.

The labor of carrying out any thorough study of Hobbes has been greatly lightened since the appearance of Professor Woodbridge's compilation of selections from his writings.¹ I take this opportunity to acknowledge the great usefulness of this volume, from which for the most part my quotations are taken, and my indebtedness to its author. In the case of Berkeley and Locke the editions of Professor A. C. Fraser were used, while in the case of Hume that of Professor L. A. Selbe-Bigge.

⁽¹⁾ *The Philosophy of Hobbes*, 1903.

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INTRODUCTION.