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#### PREFACE

In 1914 the sum of fifty thousand dollars was given to Western Reserve University to establish The McBride Lecture Fund, as a memorial of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McBride and their eldest son, Herbert McBride, by Malcolm McBride, Donald McBride, Edith McBride Sherman, and Grace McBride Crile, children of Mr. and Mrs. McBride, and by Ethel Tod McBride, widow of Herbert McBride, all of Cleveland. The purpose of the Fund was thus stated in the deed of gift: "We desire to have this memorial accomplish as much useful educational service to this entire community as its means make possible. The method of expressing this service now appearing best and most useful to us is by lectures given in whatever part of the city of Cleveland and with whatever manner of presentation may seem most convenient and best adapted for the kind of audience desired to be reached. We desire that the range of subjects should be as broad as possible covering so far as practicable all fields of human knowledge and activity, whether cultural, scientific, civic or political. We also desire that whenever deemed advisable the income of the memorial should be used to defray not only all expenses incidental to the delivery of the lecture, but also such publication of the contents of the lecture subsequently as may seem best."

The administration of this Fund has been in the hands of a committee made up of one member of the Faculty of Adelbert College, of the Medical School, and of the Law School, and the President of the University in an advisory capacity, and lectures upon a variety of topics have been given during the past three years. The lectures contained in this volume, delivered in February of 1917 by Professor C. H. Grandgent of Harvard University, are the first to be published by the Fund.

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