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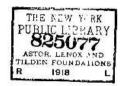
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ABBREVIATIONS

- J. Br. C. = James' (Prof. Willam) Psychology, Briefer Course. (New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1892.)
- James, Psy. = James' (Prof. William) Psychology, Larger Course. (New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1890.)
- B. Ele. = Baldwin's (Prof. J. Mark) Elements of Psychology. (New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1893.)
- D. Psy. = Dewey's (Prof. John) Psychology. (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1887.)
- H. Out. = Höffding's (Prof. H.) Outlines of Psychology. (New York: Macmillan & Co., 1891.)
- Ladd, Out. = Ladd's (Prof. G. T.) Outlines of Physiological Psychology. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1891.)
- Ladd, Psy. = Ladd's (Prof. G. T.) Psychology, Descriptive and Explanatory. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1894.)
- Sully, H. M. = Sully's (Prof. J.) The Human Mind. (New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1893.)
- Hamilton, Lects. on Meta. = Hamilton's (Sir William) Lectures on Metaphysics. (Boston: Gould & Lincoln, 1859.)

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PREFACE

THE present Syllabus has been designed solely as a time-saving instrument in my lectures on the subject, and as a guide to my students in their reading and study. The definitions and outline have been made very full and complete, and the important topics mentioned in the order in which it is best to discuss them. The Syllabus will not supply the place of a text-book, but it will facilitate the use of the most important of existing works, especially for those who are beginners, and who require a systematic analysis and plan of suggestions for their reading. It is shaped also so that certain topics of the philosophic sort can be omitted, if desired. The writer's hope is that others may find the Syllabus as useful as he has found it necessary, and it has been composed with that contingency in view.

The references are by no means exhaustive, but have been made full enough for diversified reading and study. The main object has been to mention only the current and most important English works on the subject of Psychology. Others who choose to use the Syllabus may add to the references as their own pleasure may dictate.

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SYLLABUS OF PSYCHOLOGY

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

I. Definition. Etymological definition = science of the soul. Greek \$\psi_{\text{N}}\eta_{\text{N}}\$, soul, and \$\psi_{\text{N}}\eta_{\text{C}}\$, discourse. (For history of the term see Hamilton, Lectures on Metaphysics, Lecture VIII.) Metaphysical implications of this definition=science of a spiritual as opposed to a material subject. Similar definitions that are not etymological are "Science of the Ego," "science of the mind," "science of the mental subject," etc. All of these make it an inquiry into the existence of mind rather than the laws of mental action.

Scientific definition = science of the phenomena of consciousness. No metaphysical questions are necessarily involved in this conception. It treats psychology in the same manner as other sciences, and makes it an inquiry into the nature, dependence, conditions and laws of conscious states, in contrast with events that are not conscious. No questions are begged by it. It makes psychology the science of the subject's modes, whether it be spiritual or not. Observe, however, that the term "science" has different meanings in the two cases.

References. J. Br. C., p. 1; B. Ele., p. 1; D. Psy., Chap. I.; H. Outlines, Chap. I.; Ladd. Psy., Chap. I.; Sully, Human Mind, Vol. I., Chap. I.; Hamilton, Lects. on Meta., Lect. VIII.