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This dissertation was approved by the examiners for the degree of Doctor of Science in the University of Edinburgh, and is published in accordance with their recommendation. It has been strictly limited to the question of the direct and indirect influence of Descartes on English thinkers; and the various systems have only been dealt with in so far as seemed requisite for throwing light on this subject. At the same time a somewhat lengthy introduction has been necessary, in order to arrive at a conclusion as to the kind of influence which one writer exercises on others, and several pages have been devoted to earlier philosophy with the hope of showing how great was the impulse which English speculation received from Descartes. Constant use has been made of the authorities whose names are prefixed to the various sections, and works that have been employed for the elucidation of special points are indicated in the footnotes.

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ERRATA.

- P. ix, line 6, for *Vortesungen* read *Vorlesungen*.
P. 11 and *passim*, for *praecartesian* read *pre-Cartesian*.
P. 11 and *passim*, for *postcartesian* read *post-Cartesian*.
P. 27, for *Guidano* read *Giordano*.
P. 37, line 26, for *der* read *des*.
P. 87, note, line 9, for *seraphical* read *spherical*.

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